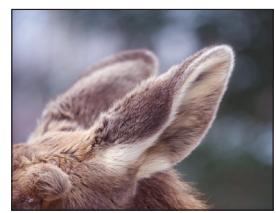


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## Clowning around

There was no shortage of fancy footwork during Circus Terrifico at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Jan. 15. More on page 22. **Chad Ingram** Staff

## County scours budget for savings

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

It's clear that county councillors want to keep the 2012 Haliburton County budget as austere as possible.

Councillors were discussing department draft budgets during a series of committee meetings on Jan. 11.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid wanted to know, if necessary, what kind of cuts could be made in the roads department budget.

The roads department has the largest budget of any county department.

"County council is in the process of rooting through the draft budgets of all the departments [and the whole picture] is not looking very positive, in my opinion," Reid said during the roads committee meeting. "It may be that we need to find more places to cut and I just want to get the committee's thoughts on the whole notion of road construction versus road maintenance. I understand our operating philosophy and I think it's a good one, but I'm wondering how sustainable that is, given the size of our county, the geographic breadth of the county and the fact the Liberal government did make a commitment to have a 10-year infrastructure plan."

That plan has yet to be announced.

"Personally, I think the priority should be on maintenance and not on construction," said Reid, who appreciated roads superintendent Doug Ray had already reduced his draft budget, but was adamant the county needed a contingency plan. "We may have to live with roads that are not as good as we want them."

The draft roads budget includes two major construction projects.

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# Snowmobilers warned to stay off lakes

**Jenn Watt**

Editor

The county's snowmobile association is warning people to stay off the area lakes.

Warm temperatures have left many of the county's lakes only partially frozen and while they may look solid, they still aren't safe.

"We don't authorize any ice travel until we have it staked," said the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president Joachim Matysek on Jan. 11.

"Until it's staked, we discourage anyone from going on it, simple as that."

Volunteers from the association check ice depth and plot out the safest routes for sledgers to take, but last week the lakes were nowhere near frozen enough to do that work.

"We require over a foot of ice before we even go and stake. We do not recommend anybody to go on any ice, period. When they do go on ice, follow the staked trails," Matysek said.

Already this year one snowmobile has gone into a lake in Highlands East and another in Dysart.

On New Year's Day, Wingrove spotted a snowmobile half submerged in Cardiff Lake and on Jan. 15 Dysart fire department received a call about a machine in Head Lake.

On Monday morning, fire chief Miles Maughan said

there was little information about the snowmobiler, who was able to get out of the water quickly before most of the emergency crews arrived.

(There was also a false alarm on Salerno Lake where Highlands East and Minden Hills firefighters were called after children's screams were heard on the lake. The kids were found safe.)

Fire chief Bill Wingrove echoed Matysek's plea for everyone to stay off local lakes.

"I just want people to know not to go out on the ice. It's not safe," Wingrove said.

So far no one has been hurt from the accidents on the lakes, but in previous years snowmobilers have suffered injury and hypothermia. Others have died.

Wingrove said he understands snowmobilers' eagerness to get outside and have some fun, but doesn't think the consequences are worth it.

"I can feel for the snowmobilers, they pay all this money for machines and trail permits and they've got no trails to run on, but it's not worth dying over," he said.

For updates on snowmobile trail conditions, go to [www.hcsa.on.ca](http://www.hcsa.on.ca).

Sgt. Lise Grenier, a specialized patrol coordinator with the OPP Highway Safety Division, has provided seven safety tips. Riders are encouraged to stay on the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' (OFSC) designated trails.

They are marked, mapped, maintained and patrolled for safety. "Less than 10 per cent of our fatalities occur on our trails. The rest are in fields, on lakes," said Lou Kirby, second vice-president of the OFSC.

Police warn no ice travel is safe.

Snowmobilers should always stay to the right of the trail and obey the laws. Riders should drive within their own abilities and according to the current trail and weather conditions.

"Unfortunately, white-tailed deer don't have headlights; broken trees that come across the trail don't have reflectors," Kirby said. "We ask people to ride to the ability that they know. If something comes up in front of them, they have the time to react to that hazard and stop before they reach it."

Riders should wear bright colours and reflective material so they are more easily seen.

Police also encourage riders to slow down at night.

Since snowmobile trails can take riders far from emergency assistance, always bring a self-help kit including spare parts, a flashlight, a tool kit and first-aid and survival items, such as high-energy food, fire-starting equipment and a compass.

The final tip is to never ride alone.

- Sara Ross, QMI Agency

## Seven safety tips

Staying safe on snowmobile trails is achieved by making smart choices, the OPP says.

# Municipal truck takes a dip in Haliburton's Head Lake

**Riley Maracle**

Co-op student

A Dysart roads department truck went into Head Lake in Haliburton around 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan was plowing a rink on the lake when the left front wheel of the truck started to sink.

He climbed out of the truck and went to shore as the truck started to slowly disappear into the lake.

Before he took the truck out on the lake, Maughan checked the ice thickness and said it was six inches deep.

"Obviously, I didn't check all over," he said a few days after the incident.

He had plowed "a fair bit of the rink" before his vehicle broke through the ice.

Maughan said the incident was embarrassing, but he was just glad no one was injured in the accident.



**Riley Maracle** Co-op student

A Dysart truck had to be towed out of Head Lake after it went through the ice on Jan. 11. The driver, fire chief Miles Maughan, was plowing an ice rink with the truck when he felt it break through. He was able to get out safely before it sunk further.

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If you've never watched a dogsled race before, it is definitely a sight to behold and hear! With the dogs lunging, barking and barking to get the races started, flying out of the start gate at speeds up to 40 km/h, it's a race you won't forget. For the richest purse in Ontario, there will be lots of action going on at the Pinescone Resort, located 10 minutes south of the village of Haliburton on County Road 100.

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## Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition begins

Winner will be selected from four regions including Haliburton in contest for best budding business

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Do you have an inner bear waiting to be unleashed? The second annual Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition is looking for those who have what it takes.

Modeled after popular CBC television show *Dragons' Den*, the competition is an initiative of the Workforce Development Board (WDB), a not-for-profit community based organization serving Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Northumberland.

Chi Hang Liu, communications and project coordinator for WDB spoke to the nature of the competition at the monthly Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast held at the Wild Moose on Jan. 12.

Aimed at attracting those with an entrepreneurial spirit, the competition is a chance for contestants with a budding business to compete for a package that includes a cash prize as well as business products and services.

During the competition a winner will be selected from each of the four regions represented by the WDB.

Those winners will then go on to compete in a grand finale, scheduled to take place in Peterborough.

This year's guest judge and keynote speaker will be Ron Buist, Tim Hortons marketing director for the past 24 years



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Chi Hang Liu, communications and project coordinator for the Workforce Development Board, speaks to members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at their monthly breakfast on Jan. 12 at the Wild Moose, in Haliburton.

Liu spoke on the second year of the Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition, coming up in the next few months. The competition encourages and rewards entrepreneurial spirit in the region.

and creator of the Roll up the Rim to Win contest.

The competition is just one way entrepreneurship can be encouraged in a small county like Haliburton, Liu said.

"This year we want to emphasize that entrepreneurs are the next way of business," he said.

New this year, the competition will be supported by the Ontario Centres of Excellence, who will be providing business proposal writing and presentation training to contestants.

"For me, I think that training in itself is reason enough to apply," Liu said.

The WDB encourages anyone interested to apply to the competition.

In an effort to support entrepreneurship, the WDB provides a number of services for small to medium sized businesses in areas such as human resources.

"Being an entrepreneur or small business you may not have the resources to employ HR specialists," said Liu.

An initiative the WDB is currently promoting is an online human resources reference manual available to businesses in Haliburton County.

The result of using such a resource could be very rewarding, Liu said.

"People or companies can get fined from between \$50,000 up to \$100,000 for just a small infraction. Just at the low end of that range, with a small community like this, that could bankrupt you," said Liu.

Services such as the online manual are going to be provided to Haliburton businesses with the help of the chamber of commerce, providing more benefits to its members.

Those interested in applying for the Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition can do so by visiting [www.bearslair.ca](http://www.bearslair.ca).

The deadline for applications is Feb. 17, 2012.

The grand finale will take place on May 12 at the Showplace Performance Centre in Peterborough.

## Haliburton hospital still suffering from virus outbreak

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

With three confirmed cases of the Noro virus at Haliburton hospital, the facility was still in the midst of an outbreak as of Jan 11.

The outbreak first emerged at the hospital on Dec. 23, 2011, with symptoms present amongst three patients in the acute care department, according to Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Paul Rosebush.

Since then the hospital has been restricting visitations, allowing family members in on an emergency basis only.

Similar to stomach flu, the virus results in vomiting and diarrhea to those affected.

As of Jan. 4, only one patient was exhibiting symptoms of the virus, however that number has since increased to three patients, confirmed Debbie Watson, chief nursing officer for HHHS and manager of the Haliburton hospital.

During the outbreak period the hospital is closed to admissions and transfers.

"We're not closed to visitors, we're allowing immediate family to visit for brief periods, as we always have," said Watson.

Visits are determined on a case-by-case basis, according to Watson. Those who are planning on visiting the facil-

ity should contact nursing staff beforehand regarding hand washing and other procedures.

The emergency department remains open to incoming patients, said Watson.

Once the outbreak has subsided, the hospital will reopen to visitors following a period of five days.

"We're doing the best that we can to keep our patients and staff healthy," said Watson.

The virus is highly contagious, thus resulting in patients placed in isolation once they become symptomatic.

Those with questions about the virus or the hospital's visiting policy can contact Watson at 705-457-1392 ext. 223 or visit [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca).

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# New licence system hits snag

Some retailers unable to sell fishing and hunting licences, others struggle with new technology

Jenn Watt

Editor

A switch from paper to electronic hunting and fishing licences has ground permit sales to a halt at some bait and outdoors shops in the county, causing local MPP Laurie Scott to question the provincial government's efficacy.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has for years been planning to institute a new system with Jan. 1, 2012 as the cutoff date for paper.

The new machines, however, have been full of glitches and many shops still don't have them.

Scott, who is the PC critic to the MNR, has called on the government to reinstitute paper licences until the problem can be fixed.

Minden Live Bait and Tackle is the only store in the entire riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock that has a machine, according to Scott.

And their reviews aren't positive.

"It's a real dog's breakfast to say the least," bait shop worker Barry Roberts said in an interview Jan. 12.

Roberts said his store was chosen to be a pilot location for the new machines due to high licence sales, but it has caused more headaches than convenience.

"Probably about 20 per cent of the people coming in haven't got licences because of glitches in the system and when [the machine] comes up with an error code then we can't give them a licence," he said.

A successful attempt with the government-issued machine can take anywhere from 10 minutes to half an hour, Roberts said, with postal code problems being one

of the big sticking points.

"In our area, many of the postal codes have changed in the last couple of years, so people don't even know what postal code it was associated with their outdoors card. So we put the current postal code in, it's not right, we try other postal codes, sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't."

There is a 1-800 number available for those who can't get a licence at a retailer and a website that will process requests if you have a credit card.

"The problem is," said Scott in a press release, "that MNR seems to be several weeks behind in issuing licences for people who ordered online. You combine that with a very limited number of licence outlets, a cumbersome system which is causing considerable delays for customers, and you have a mess, where anglers and hunters are almost being forced to break the law."

The delays won't limit all anglers, however, as those who purchased a licence before Jan. 1, or who have a three-year licence, are unaffected.

Still, the service problems are costing retailers sales.

"We would normally sell between 75 temporary licences (people have to renew their cards and things like that) and 40 to 50 of the ones who just need the stickers on the back of their cards [in January]," said Outdoors Plus owner Karen Perrott.

While Perrott only earns 75 cents for each licence sold, not having the service in her store means less foot traffic.

"It's a loss leader; someone who comes in the door [will] see what else you have there while he's getting his licence. It's a service you want to give to your clients," she said.

Unlike Minden Live Bait, Outdoors Plus doesn't yet have a machine and can no longer sell paper permits.

Perrott has had to deal with several disappointed potential customers since Jan. 1 and hasn't been told when a licensing machine will be delivered to her location.

"I had a guy come in and I apologized profusely because he had ... stopped in

Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, went to Wilberforce at all the regular spots where he knew he could get a fishing licence. The [retailer] in Wilberforce says you'll have to go to Haliburton and he came to me and [I said] ... you either have to do it online or go to Minden Live Bait."

Perrott hasn't heard of the Internet licensing delays Scott referenced in her press release, but noted that some in the Haliburton area don't have Internet at home and others don't have credit cards to pay with.

Scott has written a letter about the issue to MNR Minister Michael Gravelle.

A spokeswoman for the ministry said that there are no plans to return to the paper system while the new machines get up and running.

Maya Gorham told the paper that Gravelle's office was working with operators to get through problems and that having a parallel paper licence system alongside the electronic one would complicate matters.

She stressed that this is a transition period and that the 1-800 number and the website were available for those who couldn't buy licences locally.

"Right now, if you go online and you apply for your outdoors card or your fishing licence online, you can print your e-licence and you can keep it with you when you fish or hunt. That serves as your temporary licence. You can use that no problem," she said.

"We do understand that with the transition, though, there have been some challenges from certain issuers and operators. We have been working closely with those individual issuers and with the [Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters] in order to assist them."

She wasn't concerned that anglers would fish illegally because of the difficulties getting licences, as was asserted in Scott's press release.

There is no specific timeline for the roll-out of the machines.

# Cause of house explosion remains unknown

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The cause of an explosion that obliterated a house in Wilberforce will forever remain a mystery.

The October 2010 explosion left little of Ted and Sandy Procher's home behind.

An ongoing investigation into the cause of the incident was completed by fire marshal Steve Klimpel and filed in recent months, according to Carol Gravelle, public relations officer for the Ontario Fire Marshal's office.

The cause was classified as undetermined, said Gravelle.

"The reason for this was there was significant fire damage post-explosion," said Gravelle.

The investigation included sending a number of items to the centre of forensic science, she said.

"They could not determine whether or not the damage to the items had occurred before or after the fire," she said.

Owner Ted Procher was home alone during the explosion and survived with minor injuries.

The house was located at 2635 Essonville Line, in Wilberforce. The Prochers have since rebuilt their home and are living at the same location.

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**Darren Lum**  
Echo staff



## Two men charged for hunting moose and deer during closed season

Two Toronto men have been fined a total of \$13,000 for hunting, possessing and transporting moose and deer shot during the closed season.

Ihor Pylypcuk pleaded guilty and was fined \$5,000 for hunting moose during the closed season and \$3,000 for hunting deer during the closed season. In addition to being fined \$2,000 for the possession of illegally killed moose and deer, he received a five-year hunting suspension and his firearm was permanently forfeited to the Crown.

Ihor Maksymyshyn pleaded guilty to transporting moose unlawfully hunted and was fined \$3,000.

The court heard that on Oct. 3, 2010, a conservation officer attended a house in the Kinmount area where butchered meat was located in the basement of the residence. Further investigation by conservation offic-

ers, with the assistance of the canine unit, led to the location of both moose and deer kill sites on the property. Subsequently, two search warrants were executed on residences in the Toronto area. Officers recovered moose meat from the residence of Ihor Maksymyshyn that matched DNA from the kill location identified on the property in Kinmount. A firearm was located in the residence of Ihor Pylypcuk that was forensically examined and matched to a bullet located in the illegal killed moose.

Justice of the peace Brian Norton heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on Jan. 5.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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## Negotiations break down in Highlands East

The union representing workers in Highlands East has filed for conciliation after negotiations broke down.

CUPE 4416 says it "was left with no choice but to file for conciliation," according to a press release, after all of its proposals were refused outright by the municipality.

"The chief administrative officer provided no rationale for the failure to negotiate stating only that council had said no to all union proposals," the release states.

"The County of Peterborough, a slightly larger, but comparable municipality in the area, recently bargained improvements to wages, benefits and other working conditions for its CUPE employees. We want to send a strong message to the municipality that we deserve to have a decent settlement for the hard-working CUPE members in this

municipality," said Alison Davidson, CUPE national representative in the release.

Davidson told the paper the union was looking for wage increases and benefit increases as well as benefits for part-time workers.

The union says that Highlands East has the money available to give employees increases, pointing to years of financial statements that show the municipality is in a surplus situation.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton and CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig could not be reached at press time.

CUPE 4416 represents 24 employees providing public services to the municipality as road operators, arena attendants, labourers, clerks, and bylaw enforcement officers, to name a few.



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# points of view

## Local impact

THE MINISTRY OF Natural Resources needs to temporarily reinstate paper hunting and fishing licences.

While the provincial agency has been planning to move to a computerized permit issuing system for years now, its implementation isn't going smoothly.

The subsequent glitches and confusion are hurting local retailers and our economy.

Formerly, bait shops and outdoors stores sold paper licences for hunting and fishing.

It wasn't a perfect system, but it worked.

To improve upon what already existed, the MNR decided to digitize everything, equipping retailers with machines that would allow outdoors cards to be swiped as a bank card might.

Problems arose quickly with the machines frequently issuing error messages.

And although the cut-off date for paper permits was Jan. 1 of this year, almost every bait shop or outdoors store in this county does not have the necessary equipment to sell them.

For the potential ice fisherman, this poses a mild nuisance.

There is a 1-800 number for people who can't get a permit using the new machines and, as long as you're not ordering at the last minute, licences can be purchased online.

But the retailer and for this coun-

ty's tourism economy, the entire predicament is causing bigger problems.

For retailers, not having licences to sell means fewer people in their stores.

Outdoors Plus owner Karen Perrott told the *Echo* that while the loss of licence sales (about 75 cents per licence) won't hurt her bottom line this month, her store will feel the impact of fewer customers who might have found an item they liked while in the store for a licence.

Minden Live Bait and

Tackle worker Barry Roberts says the same.

Roberts works at the only store in the entire riding that has the machine and says when it returns an error message, the fishing rod that customer had in his hand to buy goes right back on the shelf.

Haliburton County will also suffer similar consequences.

While the impact may seem negligible, any potential angler who is deterred from coming to Haliburton for the weekend because his or her licence hasn't come yet is a missed opportunity.

The winter economy is a tough one and the easier we make it on potential tourists to come here, the better.

If the MNR hasn't got the technology ready to roll out its new program it should go back to what we know works.

Bring back the paper licences.



**Jenn Watt**  
Editor



photo by Darren Lum

Kennisis Lake

## Beauty

**L**ET THE BEAUTY that we love be who we are." This is a favourite quote of mine by a poet named Rumi. Sometimes when I'm out for a walk on a sunny, bright, blue-sky winter day I contemplate the role that beauty plays in healing our bodies and our planet.

Paying attention to beauty is a very profound act that can have a positive impact on our overall state of well-being.

This is especially true when I'm dealing with something difficult in my life.

Taking the time to consciously seek out and appreciate the beauty around us can be very healing.

In some styles of yoga, the practice is based on beauty. The yogis suggest that the diversity around us is what makes the world so interesting and delightful.

The different kinds of flowers, trees, birds, people, snowflakes, landscapes, sunsets, tomatoes, species of butterflies, etc., all make the planet an interesting and joyful place to be.

The diversity is the beauty.

One of our jobs as human beings is to pay attention to the beauty that is around us and in us.

When we stop and truly appreciate and be grateful for the beauty that crosses our path, it somehow makes its way into our souls and is always with us. And then we are happier, more vital people.

We are the beauty that we love. Having a practice like yoga, meditation or qigong can help build your capacity for paying attention and seeing beauty in yourself and around you.

In these practices, we learn to give our full attention to the quietest, most subtle aspects of our being - we notice how our breath is a gift and moves in so many different ways in our bodies.

We notice how good we feel after we give ourselves some time and quiet attention. And then that ability to pay attention and to observe expands into our everyday lives.

I find myself going through my days noticing when beauty crosses my path. I always try to take a few minutes to really see it, feel it and appreciate it. And I think somehow that experience expands my energy and I feel more alive and more vital. And really, that is what yoga is about; feeling more alive and more vital.

So my suggestion for all of us up here in beautiful Haliburton County is to regularly pay attention to the beauty that comes our way - whether it is outside in nature, listening to a beautiful piece of music, looking at an exquisite piece of art, observing a smile on someone, or whatever else comes your way.

We are such a beautiful community. No wonder people love to be here.

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# points of view

## I'm all ears

**F**OR THE TIME being at least, the phrases "what did you say?" and "pardon me" are no longer in my vocabulary. This I blame on an overly efficient ear-hair trimmer.

I suppose this might not seem like a big deal to anyone under 40, but believe me it is.

In fact, this insidious little gadget has already had a huge impact on my life. You see, since ridding my inner ears of all that hair, I can hear all those important things that I previously missed.



**Steve Galea**  
Loon Tales

For instance, the other day, after suddenly detecting a horrible smell in my office, I actually knew, without a shadow of a doubt, who was to blame.

And this came as a big surprise to both dogs, who just sat there poker-faced as I apologized.

The point here is that I believe that the simple act of ear trimming has actually given me something akin to super-hearing. And, as we all know, no good can come of any superpower other than X-ray vision or invisibility.

Besides, I happen to believe that a buildup of ear hair and wax is actually quite beneficial to the average middle-aged man.

Aside from being sexy, these things are nature's way of allowing you to avoid responding to uncomfortable questions like, "Could you please shovel the driveway?" or "What do you say we watch the Rosie O'Donnell show?"

Now, however, I am virtually defenseless.

I tried faking it. But it's just no good. Women have this fool-proof way of testing to see if a man is listening.

Typically, they do this by adding subtle auditory traps to any sentence they think you are deliberately ignoring.

For instance, you might be trying your best not to hear any sentence that incorporates frightful verbs like clean, tidy, vacuum, lift, move, dance or foot rub. And you'll be doing just fine too. Right up until she slips in a noun like cookie, sports, beer or lingerie.

That's when they nab you.

No, it's far better to have built up your natural defenses.

Sadly, however, females don't want their men to sport ear hair. I could be mistaken, but I believe it has something to do with the fact that excessive ear hair signals availability.

In fact, I believe you can tell how long a man has been single strictly by ear hair growth in very much the same way you can determine how old a tree is by counting its rings.

This, in fact, is what the ear and nostril trimming industry is based on.

Which is why I was handed an ear hair trimmer on the weekend and asked to do a bit of ear-scaping.

And, as a result, now I can hear a pin drop – which, if you ask me, is highly over-rated unless you happen to routinely walk barefoot around clumsy seamstresses.

Let's face it, there are some things a middle-aged man wasn't meant to hear. Coincidentally, these mostly have to do with his ear hair.

In any case, I'm still not sure if my recent ear cut affects me in other ways – you know like the way trimming a cat's whiskers affects its spatial perception.

All I know is that it seems to make a difference in my ability to hear. Which as I noted earlier, can only lead to horribly awkward, uncomfortable, situations.

Yesterday for instance, we watched Rosie.



### pic of the past

**G**rade 1 class at Victoria Public School 1941. Front row, from left to right. Jacqueline Henderson, Ruth Curry, Joyce Pearson, Yvonne Dean, Joan MacDonald, Jacqueline Robertson, Joyce Vickery and Joan Bishop. Second row, from left to right, Gerald Irish, Pat Bishop, Bonnie Mitchell, Flora Luna, Dorothy Rinne, Emily Hoxie and Doris Wilkinson. Third row, from left to right, Glen Fairey, Bertram Douglas, Miss Tizzard, teacher, Don Feir, Beatrice Daniels, Myrtle Harvie, behind teacher. Submitted by Jacqueline Metcalf. *Pics of the past are submitted, therefore we cannot always ensure accuracy of all names.*

### letters to the editor

## A special thanks

### To the Editor,

It never ceases to amaze me that in our small community, one that has been classed as among those that are economically depressed, we see such generosity.

It takes many people and organizations in our Highlands to put together an event like this where we had over 120 come.

It is in this spirit I want to pass on a thank you to The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House, the owners and their staff and volunteers for a wonderful Christmas Spirit dinner that was once again hosted by them.

A special thanks to the ladies of the Minden Legion branch 636 for the toys, for Minden V&S who were so generous in the discount given to us to purchase more gifts for the children. To St. Paul's, St. George's and Lakeside Baptist churches, 4Cs, Minden Food Bank and our county social services for distributing invitations and helping in many other ways.

The special Christmas music by John Menzies was enjoyed by everyone and the food donated by Gorman's Distributing and Sysco Food Services and all financial assistance by those who gave were all appreciated.

Everything worked together and only helps to show us all that we live in a wonderful caring community.

Thank you Haliburton Highlands citizens, once again you proved yourselves to be amazing!

**Lee Turner and Barb Troewic  
Minden**

**More letters to the Editor on page 8**

## No more money

### To the Editor,

Media coverage states the federal government is considering increasing the age from 65 to 76 in order to qualify for OAS and CPP. Seeing baby boomers are living longer and there are more of us, the government fears there won't be enough money to cover pensions. However, politicians only have to be in office for six years to qualify for full retirement pensions. In fact it was noted in six years the youngest NDP federal politician at the age of 25 would receive a yearly pension of \$33,000. Not bad for six years of employment service.

Of course there are many politicians that would receive a great deal more depending on their years in the political arena. It was also reported, if memory serves me correctly, that each Canadian contributes \$5 towards their pensions. I am disgusted and furious with such self-absorbed reasoning, especially talking about those who are suppose to represent us – the people.

To add insult to injury MP Ruby Dhalla put forth a private member's Bill C-428, which would reduce the 10 year residence rule in order to qualify for OAS to three years and would cost over \$700 million annually in additional OAS and Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits. What this means is one would only have to live in and be a Canadian citizen for three years in stead of the present 10 years to qualify for OAS. This bill had first reading in the house on June 18, 2009 and was seconded by Bob Rae.

To-date I have heard nothing as to the status of this bill and would think MP Barry Devolin would keep his constituents updated as to the status of such a ridicu-

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# No response from MP

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lous proposal especially if it could affect OAS pensions for us baby boomers and those who will follow.

I have submitted an email to MP Devolin and to date have received no response. Seems when these people want to get elected they are our best friends and so attentive however once elected they are oblivious to our concerns and comments.

There is more to this subject, however further investigation is required before I submit another letter to the editor in order to ensure factual information. Seems this is the only way the public at large will know what is going on at Parliament Hill and just who is working in our best interests realizing there is only so much money to go around.

Beverly MacDuff  
Gooderham

## Don't cut libraries

To the Editor,

Some time ago the Haliburton County council moved to modernize its public libraries. New libraries were built for the villages of Minden and Haliburton and an innovative, experienced, professional librarian was engaged to run the system.

The far thinking decision sure paid off. Circulation is way up and climbing, every aspect of service and types of media holding have been improved, and the buildings have become meeting places with the libraries in effect now the de facto community centres of the county.

A few years ago I met a chap who proudly stated that he had never set foot inside a library and did not intend to start now. I guess he had never considered the thirst for knowledge and communication sweeping Canada. It is not for nothing that degrees in this science have abandoned the word "library" in favour of "information." The downgrading of school libraries as a result of lack of provincial funding has resulted in extensive use of the municipal libraries by both individual students as well as their schools.

This is budget time and country council may be considering cuts to the library budget. Any councillor who supports such a move has obviously not visited a library lately. Let us hope our country libraries are not diminished in any way.

Michael Barnes  
Haliburton

## CT machine needed

To the Editor,

It is with a sad heart that I sit here drafting this letter in reply to Annie Mighton (*Echo*, Dec. 20, 2011). I fully agree that prevention is far better than cure. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. However, there are some diseases/illnesses and accidents that do not discriminate between gender, age, health, colour or ethnicity.

Cancer is one that is nearest to me. Some cancers can be beaten, but they need to be diagnosed early to ensure recovery. The CT scan machines at the larger hospitals are often very busy and a long waiting period may be required. I would hope that a CT machine in our hospital would relieve this problem.

What cost do we put on a life?

Jack Hall  
Tory Hill

## New fund helps aborigines with costs

The Dreamcatcher Fund helps support aboriginal children and aboriginal young adults with the costs of sports including registration and equipment as well as various clubs. The fund has helped Wilberforce residents Riley Maracle and Kelsey Maracle with the costs of playing hockey. Riley is playing his 13th season of hockey with the Wilberforce Rockets Midget

# Community hopes council is listening

To the Editor,

*The following is an abridged version of an open letter sent to Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton regarding the application to rezone the former Wilberforce veneer property. The full letter can be viewed on our website: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca) under "letters"*

Several community members including long serving leaders in the volunteer sector have spoken out against the rezoning and voiced numerous environmental concerns. *The Haliburton Echo* reported accurately that the October public meeting raised concerns and did not sit well with some members of the public, (Oct. 10/11, and Jan. 3/12). Subsequent letters to the editor share the same view.

There have been no newspaper reports or letters in support of the application. The community has not yet heard the opinions of council about concerns raised. Before council votes on the rezoning hearing council's thoughts rather than only those of the Highlands East planner would be greatly appreciated.

Having read the provincial planning policy, the Highlands East official plan and other technical documents, I have concerns about developing brownfields adjacent to trout lakes. Having spoken to a dozen people who worked at the mill and beside it since the 1950s, a picture of environmental hazards such as the use of glue with formaldehyde, dumping of substances into the soil including glue and other substances has emerged.

Before deciding on the application please consider the following:

## Majority rules?

To the Editor,

I chuckled at the recent letter from Rick Johnson (*Echo*, Dec. 27, 2011), the former MPP defeated in last year's provincial election. He criticized Laurie Scott for voting against the "Liberal/NDP alliance" on the speech from the throne. His argument was based on the fact that the majority of Miss Scott's constituents voted for either Liberal or NDP candidates and therefore she was elected by a minority of voters in the riding.

Mr. Johnson may have spent a couple of years representing this riding at Queen's Park but apparently during that time he failed to learn the reality of our three party parliamentary system. Most members at Queen's Park are elected by a minority of local constituents. His leader has governed Ontario for some eight years now — often ignoring the wishes of opposition members who collectively received far more votes than his Liberal members. In fact were it not for near rock solid support in the GTA, Mr. Johnson's Liberal colleagues would barely qualify for official party status in the legislature. With the support of far less than 40 per cent of Ontario voters the premier is now operating like he has a "near majority" government.

Did Mr. Johnson and Premier McGuinty really believe they were supported by the majority of Ontario voters when during the election campaign they suddenly decided to stop the construction of a half finished electricity generating station, one their government had approved and funded with our money, in a crass attempt to save a couple of Liberal seats in Mississauga? Imagine what we could have accomplished in Haliburton with the many tens of millions of dollars wasted there. I still reside part-time in the GTA but look forward to the day when I live full-time in Haliburton, surrounded by industrious people who look after their own families and still find time to support those who need a helping hand. The people of this community are renowned for their charitable fund-raising efforts. Thankfully on most occasions they also send great representatives to Queen's Park.

John D. Smith  
Toronto/Haliburton

team. He has scored 17 goals in five games played this season.

Kelsey is playing her fourth year of hockey with the Highland Storm Bantam B girls' team. She has helped her team to take first place in the league.

In return Riley and Kelsey have been volunteering around the community.

The development is seen by some community members who spoke out at the public meeting and in the newspaper as adverse to bolstering the economy, area tourism or helping the 42 per cent of children living below the poverty line in Highlands East.

While it's true that the provincial planning policy encourages development of brownfields, the document does not differentiate brownfields by levels of hazards, toxins and waste in the ground, nor does it specify brownfield developments adjacent to a coldwater at-capacity trout lake, such as Pusey.

Has council seen precedents of developments with these specifics to compare with this application?

The public has had a hard go of it to even comprehend the rezoning plans let alone address them, and yet many have taken the time.

In light of the application lacking in clarity, not gaining public support, raising community concerns including economic and environmental uncertainties, an awareness of toxic substances in the soil that are known to people in the village and to the present owner, and setting a precedent (as far as we can tell) of developing a brownfield adjacent to a trout lake, our view is that enough evidence exists for council to postpone making a decision on this application, and to solicit information from knowledgeable community members and/or to hold a second public meeting since the first one had overwhelmingly unfavourable results.

Community members have spoken against the rezoning application. We hope council is listening.

Janis Cole  
Wilberforce

## Delivering food

To the Editor,

The editorial (*Haliburton Echo*, Jan. 3) calls upon the 4Cs to consider addressing a perceived need for a food bank in Wilberforce, but it includes a perspective that may lead to misunderstanding on the part of the readers. It is true that some time ago representatives of the board of directors of the Christian Community Care Centre met with some parties in Wilberforce and area, including the Highlands East council, to determine if something could be done to give residents there more ready access to a food bank. The 4Cs offered to assist in the establishment of a food bank under local authority and management and was prepared to make some limited funds available to that end. At the time it was determined that only Tory Hill had a viable building in which to house an operation to include both a food bank and a thrift store to make it somewhat self-sustaining, without incurring prohibitive startup cost. The point that Tory Hill was centrally located was only a minor consideration. In addition, the 4Cs offered to provide initial managerial counsel and some practical support in establishing a community-based service such as we have in the village of Haliburton and under terms similar to those we enjoy there. It was never our intention to establish a second food bank under the aegis or control of the 4Cs. Those exploratory conversations were unproductive.

It needs to be understood that many residents of the Wilberforce, Cardiff and Gooderham communities do indeed access the Haliburton food bank. At the present time 17 singles, 11 couples and 20 families of three or more persons in those communities are registered with us and receive our service on a regular basis. In addition, they are eligible for our Christmas food-voucher and toys-for-children programs. If there are needy residents of those communities, or others within Haliburton County, who cannot access our food bank or other food banks, and if individuals or agencies are prepared to offer regular and consistent transportation or delivery services from us to those residents, the board would certainly entertain such a proposal. Of course, under these conditions, the residents would have to register with the 4Cs.

Please remember that the 4Cs is a registered charitable organization with no paid directors or staff — all are volunteers. Over the years we have earned outstanding community support. We appreciate and value this support very highly and we are pledged, as best we can, to directing our resources to residents in need in Haliburton County.

Don Wood, Chairman, Board of Directors  
The Christian Community Concern Centre



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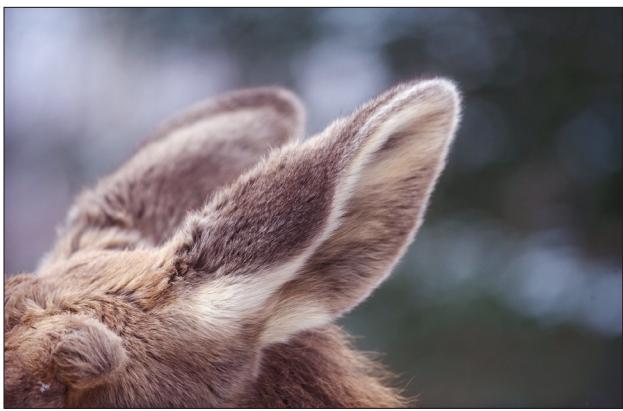


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Clockwise, from top left, Hershe's watchful glare, curious of new visitors; the nine-month-old moose shows an instinctual habit, taking a lick of a branch; Tegan Legge of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is greeted, as she went into the enclosure to help the horses that share space with the moose; resident horses stand at the back; another use for a branch, important to those without fingers. Photos by Darren Lum

## Forest gives second chance to orphan

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

As gentle as falling snow, Hershe nuzzles the camera lens, attempting to touch his own reflection.

The nine-month-old moose has been a resident with The Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve Ltd. since the summer when he was transferred from the Pembroke area with his female twin sister after his mother was killed by a vehicle accident.

When the two calves arrived they were stressed and malnourished after they were left orphaned. Sadly within two hours the female died.

Under the guidance of a Ministry of Natural Resources staff biologist, the Forest's Elke Schleifenbaum and daughter Minna Primavera hand-reared the moose back from the brink of death, which included an initial precarious three weeks of constant care and even overnights in the barn with the moose.

Although there were a few stressful months that followed for him, nine months later it appears he is well on the way to a healthy life at the Forest, living with the horses until he is too big for the enclosure that he shares.

When he came he was barely three feet tall and now the nine month old stands close to six feet tall.

The public has had the chance to visit with Hershe since August and has learned this gentle giant is as inquisitive as he is docile.

Through a recommendation by the local MNR biologist Scott Bird, the MNR from Pembroke notified the Forest and Tegan Legge, outdoor education coordinator and human resources, received the phone call. She was ecstatic they accepted the responsibility to take the moose in and is happy to see Hershe progress so well.

He may not be in the wild, but he'll have a safe and happy

life, she said.

Legge encourages people to follow his progress on a Facebook page linked to the Forest's website ([www.haliburton-forest.com](http://www.haliburton-forest.com)).

In hindsight, with as many as four people caring for the animal and a pickup truck full of brush on a daily basis, Dave Bishop, general manager, doesn't know why he (and owner Peter Schleifenbaum) ever said yes.

"I don't know why we said yes, but we did and we now have a moose," he said, laughing.

The work will never be done, as it takes an hour a day in the summer to collect the necessary brush to feed him, he adds.

This isn't the first resident moose for the Forest, as the well-known Mortimer was an attraction several years ago before he died.

Although it was common for Mortimer to have children on him and adults pose next to him, Hershe will always be in an enclosure, separated from the public.

Moose are regarded as the largest members of the deer family and a bull can grow to a height of six feet and weigh close to 2,000 pounds.

Bishop explains the name Hershe came from the six-week confusion about the sex of the moose. No one, he adds, bothered to reach down and check.

The future may or may not include a full bull's rack since suggestions have been made regarding the animal's testosterone levels that could prevent them from forming. However he does have a pair of nubs.

"We'd love to release, but I don't think that is a possibility at this point in time," he said. "So, he is here for people to come and view."

*The public should check in with the main office to arrange a meeting and there is no additional charge to see the moose.*



# Chamber of commerce welcomes new manager

Rosemarie Jung selected to fill position for countywide organization

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

For Rosemarie Jung it's an opportunity to come full circle.

Jung, 52, was appointed to the position of manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce in December, 2011.

A resident of the Highlands for the past 19 years, the new role with the organization is reflective of what Jung studied in university, a remarkable coincidence even for the manager.

"Interestingly enough I studied hospitality and tourism management at Ryerson," said Jung.

Born in the Hamilton area, Jung moved to Toronto to pursue her post-secondary education. From there she moved to various parts of the province before eventually settling in Haliburton with her husband.

For the past 17 years Jung has worked with SIRCH Community Services, most recently as the marketing, sales and customer relations coordinator for School's Cool, a kindergarten prep program.

The chance to work at the chamber seemed to fit Jung's skills and interests.

"I was so impressed with what was happening here in the community ... and I got connected with the chamber and was very impressed with what they were doing in supporting businesses and their growth," she said.

Jung was interviewed and selected for the position by a hiring committee, made up of three of the organization's board of directors.

One of those members was current board president Eric Thompson.

Thompson, 62, was impressed by Jung and the way she presented herself.

"It was her past experience and presentation, that's very important because you can only make one first impression. She seemed very confident when she came in," he said.

It was also her attitude that stood out amongst the applicants.

"I'm a very team oriented person," said Jung.

In addition, Jung became the administrator for the Haliburton Business Improvement in the fall of 2011.

Although minimal, her work with the BIA will continue.

"That work is important ... my role there is supporting the executive in terms of minutes and correspondence," said Jung.

As the chamber's manager, Jung is responsible for membership support, development and interoffice support to Kendra Kellet, membership services director.

"They work as a team ... I think it's important if one is



**Angelica Blenich** Echo staff

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce manager Rosemarie Jung is excited to be part of the organization since being appointed to the position of manager in December, 2011. The chamber's office is located in the basement of the Village Barn, located in Haliburton Village on Highland Street.

overloaded that they can work together and jump in to help one another," said Thompson.

In existence for 75 years, the chamber of commerce offers many services, such as their monthly breakfast, annual business achievement gala and recently revived after-hours networking events.

Both Thompson and Jung are hopeful for what the organization's future holds.

"As chamber president I have a number of priorities ... there are a number of things I would like to see done. There are a few committees I would like to see established and I would like to see the directors get really involved," said Thompson.

The president would like to see staff involvement with the various committees.

With 332 members, there are also a number of challenges down the road for the organization, including maintaining memberships.

"We were at 368 members this time last year," said Kellet.

"It fluctuates. One of my jobs is getting the word out about the value of being a member of the chamber. I think that's the focus, getting the message out that this is a valuable membership," said Jung.

With a vast geographic area to draw from, another challenge is emphasizing that the chamber represents businesses throughout Haliburton County.

"It's a countywide chamber ... so we want to ensure the events we are running are happening in all four corners. We want to ensure we're serving all of our members," she said.

Working with the tourism branch of the county, the chamber's focus lies with supporting tourism businesses and operators in terms of professional development, resources and networking, according to Jung.

"Some people still think we're in tourism, because of our legacy. Really our focus is membership services," said Thompson.

Jung will be working towards supporting members through advocacy, services, development and growth.

"All my past jobs have literally stacked me, in terms of skills, for this position. So it has come full-circle, obviously this is where I was meant to be. It's exciting to be here."

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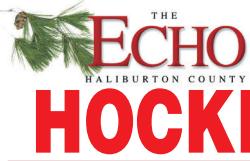
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# Frost Festival receives \$2,000 from Dysart

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 9 meeting of Dysart et al council.*

This year's Frost Festival will be getting \$2,000 from Dysart to help run the event.

Set to take place on Saturday, Feb. 18, the full-day festival is an annual initiative of the municipality.

Discussions over the future of the festival took place in September of 2011, with council unsure about whether to continue hosting it.

Last year, the municipality allotted \$3,000 for the Frost Festival.

Council approved the funds and agreed to close a portion of York Street on Feb. 18. The annual initiative is family friendly and free to all who attend.

For more information visit [www.frostfest.ca](http://www.frostfest.ca).

## Council supports application for stewardship grant

The Glebe Park committee has garnered support from council with an application for a grant to assist with making improvements to the park.

Council agreed to write a letter of support to the Evergreen Foundation's Walmart Evergreen Green Grants program to assist with the planting of native trees and plants, stewardship and signage for the park.

The grant is for up to \$10,000 and is intended for stewardship restoration and initiatives in urban and urbanizing areas, including naturalization, restoration and stewardship, and community food gardens, according to the

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organization's website.

The recommendation to support the application was made by Ray Misco, parks and recreation manager for the municipality.

If awarded, the grant could assist with the committee's recently developed stewardship plan for the park. The plan includes a forest management aspect, with recommendations for the planting of trees, as well as designs for the entrances to the park, including signage, gateways and fencing.

The funding can be used for the planting of trees, stewardship activities, staff wages, educational materials and transportation.

The grant will cover up to 50 per cent of a project's total budget, according to Misco's report to council.

The application must be supported with a letter from council to be eligible.

A full proposal will be developed during the next few weeks and reviewed by the Glebe Park committee at their next meeting on Jan. 24.

The remaining funds will come from existing budgets and in-kind contributions.

## Council shifts to one meeting per month

As of March of this year, the municipality will be having one council meeting a month, scheduled to take place on the last Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Finance committee meetings will also take place on the fourth Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m., prior to the regular meeting of council.

Committee meetings such as the Glebe Park committee, environment and green energy advisory committee and housing and business development advisory committee will take place on the first Monday of each month.

Similarly, public meeting committee meetings will take place on the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m., when required.

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From 7 p.m. to midnight, the restaurant will take on a New York flavour to raise money for Sarah Carlin's Liberation Treatment for her multiple sclerosis.

Carlin will be travelling to New York State for the procedure to relieve the symptoms

of MS and needs a little help getting there.

The evening will feature Jazz Kitchen, guest crooners and dance music along with a silent auction, cocktails and a special menu (if you choose).

It costs \$20 to get in. Call McKecks for tickets 705-457-3443 and ask for Karen.

# YWCA offering help with court system

The YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton is launching a court support program for women involved in family or criminal court, for reasons of domestic abuse and male survivors of domestic abuse.

Workers assist with a number of issues like safety planning, understanding the

court process, applying for legal aid, preparing for a legal appointment and filling out court paperwork.

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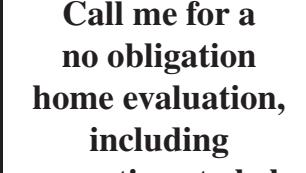
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# Dysart council pitches ideas for future of baseball diamond

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton Village's baseball diamond may not see many home runs this summer as council debates the future of the field.

During their Jan. 9 meeting, councillors discussed plans for the diamond as public works director Brian Nicholson spoke to the official deed for the property where the diamond is located.

Dated Jan. 13, 1880, the deed states the municipal property must be used for either a public square, fairground, market ground or cricket ground and that the municipality will not cut up or sell it for any other purpose.

One of the issues currently facing the diamond is inadequate parking, according to Nicholson.

"The structure is in place, what we need to do is look at servicing that structure," said Nicholson.

"Personally speaking, I would still like to leave some green space there."

With an available diamond in West Guilford, Councillor Andrea Roberts questioned if one in Haliburton Village was necessary.

Councillors agreed, in its current state, the ball diamond is being underutilized, hosting only one organized league a week during the summer months.

"In my time here I've seen this space used very little," said Nicholson, pointing to

the diamond next to the Dysart municipal building.

Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested council put out a request for proposals for the design of a parking facility to service both the diamond and community centre.

The reeve then expanded the idea further, suggesting council consider obtaining a request for proposals for a new baseball diamond.

"I think we need to move into the next area, kids don't play softball anymore, they play baseball. I think we should talk to some parents and have a public meeting and see if there's interest in a proper diamond and maybe something that accommodates a soccer field too," said Fearrey.

Councillor Dennis Casey agreed with Fearrey's idea.

"I think we should pursue that," he said.

Emphasizing the importance of accommodating youth, Councillor Walt McKechnie stressed the need for recreational attractions.

"I think it's really important that we don't forget about our youth, we don't have to build a state-of-the-art baseball diamond... but I think our youth will get back to playing more sports and we should accommodate that," he said.

Nicholson and councillors agreed an extended RFP was required.

"We'll have to come up with what we'll want to see designed," said Nicholson.

Plans for a new diamond would have to



**Angelica Blenich** Echo staff

Plans for the future of the baseball diamond located in Haliburton Village are up in the air as council discusses the possibility of building a new diamond at a different location.

take place on one of two municipal properties locally available, Glebe Park or the former Orr property on Harburn Road across from the Evergreen Cemetery, according to Fearrey.

Nicholson questioned whether council wanted to leave space to accommodate a community centre, which could be incorporated down the road.

"Why don't we jot down some things that we think we like and pass it around next month," said Fearrey.

The reeve reiterated the importance of hearing from members of the community.

"We need to hear from parents and understand what their interests are, we need some public input," he said.

Council agreed to put out an RFP request,

which would be followed with a public meeting seeking input on the future of the diamond.

Fearrey discussed coordinating with the West Guilford Community Centre for shared usage of their diamond during the upcoming summer months.

Councillor Susan Norcross agreed to discuss the idea with the community centre committee before council made a decision on the diamond's future for the summer.

"I think it's really important the public are aware that we're thinking down the road and trying to do something for the youth," said McKechnie.

The Haliburton Village baseball diamond is located on Mountain Street, across from the Dysart Community Centre.

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## Devolin Announces Support for Economic Growth in Haliburton County

Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), today announced that the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) is once-again ready for local businesses and organizations to develop and submit applications for funding from the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP).

This follows a recent announcement by the Government of Canada to invest \$30 million over the next three years to support the renewal of the Eastern Ontario Development Program, resulting in a greater number of economic development initiatives and improved partnerships throughout this riding.

"This additional investment in the Eastern Ontario Development Program will offer new opportunities for the people, businesses and communities in our region," said Devolin. "I have always said, CFDC's have a very effective formula for assisting the communities they serve by using experienced professionals on their board to make decisions on priority files in the towns in which they live."

"We are extremely pleased to be able to again deliver EODP in Haliburton County - and this time through to 2014.", said Bill Obee, Chair of the HCDC Board of Directors. "We have to thank the Government of Canada for including it initially in their February budget, Barry Devolin and the other Eastern Ontario MPs for the strong support to bring EODP back, and the positive evaluation of the Program undertaken by FedDev Ontario, which provided a clear demonstration of its value to the communities across Eastern Ontario. We look forward to meeting the goals of the new EODP Program and delivering clear economic benefits to Haliburton County as a result."

"One of the big changes is that while each year has a 'hard stop' on March 31st for fiscal accounting, projects can extend beyond that date; in fact they can go right until March 31, 2014," said Andy Campbell, General Manager of HCDC. "We now have a longer timeframe and look to see impactful, more strategic initiatives happen."

The Program is managed by FedDev Ontario and funding will be delivered by 15 Community Futures Development Corporations located throughout rural Eastern Ontario.



## Eastern Ontario Development Program Returns

The Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) promotes economic development in rural eastern Ontario leading to a diversified and competitive rural eastern Ontario economy; economic stability, growth, and job creation; and contributing to the successful development of businesses and prosperous communities.

The renewed Eastern Ontario Development Program has been streamlined to improve program delivery by focusing on outcomes that align with FedDev Ontario's approach to promoting the development of a strong and diversified southern Ontario economy. CFDCs will consider project proposals in the following two areas:

**Business Development:** which supports projects that will lead to the growth of new and existing businesses within rural eastern Ontario communities. This includes initiatives in areas such as skills development, youth attraction, innovation and the adoption of information and communications technologies.

**Community Innovation:** which enables community-led economic development activities that enhance and diversify local economies. This includes projects identified within existing community plans that build on the communities' competitive economic advantages to establish or strengthen key economic sectors and/or retain and expand existing businesses.

Another key feature of the renewed program is the emphasis on collaborative projects that involve and benefit multiple communities. This provides CFDCs the opportunity to partner with other economic development organizations to invest strategically in high impact projects that benefit the region as a whole.

Since the program was launched 7 years ago, CFDCs have achieved the following results by working with community stakeholders from across the region to develop and implement projects that benefit the local economy:

- more than \$65 million has been invested in more than 5,500 business and community development projects;
- more than 57,900 people have received work-related training;
- more than 880 youth interns have been placed in not-for-profit and private sector organizations; and
- an additional \$307 million has been leveraged from partners such as local businesses, municipalities, and the Government of Ontario.

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Twp. Minden Hills Council Chambers

Monday January 23rd, 2012 - 4:30pm  
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**The Haliburton County Development Corporation is accepting applications from businesses, sole proprietors and organizations for activities supporting local economic development.**

**Community Capacity Building**  
Funding is available for not-for-profit organizations and businesses that are looking to undertake innovative initiatives with the potential of making a significant impact on economic development in Haliburton County.  
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# Tourism industry invited to OHTO networking event

The Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization is putting their marketing slogan "Come to Know Us" into practice with a three-day orientation tour of the Haliburton Highlands from Jan. 25 to 27.

The visit will begin with a tourism industry networking event at Pinestone Resort on Jan. 25, followed by a day of meetings for the OHTO at the Haliburton School of The Arts on Jan. 26, and a familiarization tour of local tourism highlights on Jan. 27.

"We have been looking forward to organizing these types of events and are thrilled

to be working with Haliburton County to assist us with reaching out to their tourism business community," says Nicole Whiting, manager of the OHTO.

"The success of our organization depends on understanding the needs of all of our partner regions and discovering ways to work together to increase tourism to Ontario's Highlands."

"This is an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with the tourism industry in the Haliburton Highlands and learn more about the area as a tourist

destination."

Tourism industry stakeholders are encouraged to attend the Building Partnerships in Tourism networking event held at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This is an open event where the tourism business community of Haliburton County can meet and discuss tourism specific topics with the OHTO board of directors and staff. A brief presentation of current OHTO initiatives will be presented at 5:30 p.m. fol-

lowed by complimentary appetizers and refreshments.

Attendance at the networking event is free, but advanced registration is required. Please visit <http://guestlistapp.com/events/84522> to register or contact Laura Slater, OHTO administrative assistant at [admin@ohto.ca](mailto:admin@ohto.ca) for more information about this event.

For more information, contact the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization at 613-629-6486 or [info@ohto.ca](mailto:info@ohto.ca).

## 'We're in the new world here, whether anybody wants to believe it'

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tion projects: continued work on Kawagama Lake Road, budgeted at approximately \$1.7 million and work on County Road 503 between Irondale and Kinmount, budgeted at approximately \$2.3 million.

Since the cost of completing projects constantly rises, Ray said it was not a good idea to let construction projects go by the wayside.

"A dollar today is four dollars in a couple of years," he said. "You've got to kind of look a little bit down the road, not just what's happening this year."

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey thought the county needed to be prepared to take extreme measures.

"Traditionally, what you spend today is going to cost you more tomorrow, but we're in the new world here whether anybody wants to believe it or not," Fearrey said, referencing the ongoing debt crisis in Europe and its potential impact.

"If the Euro goes down, the province is almost bankrupt . . . how are we going to maintain the level of service we've had? It could mean layoffs, it could mean all kinds of things. If the money's not here, it's not here."

The draft emergency services budget called for operational changes, including the addition of four staff members.

"I tried to present the case here that there's only so many ways we can shuffle the deck that we have now and increasing calls and calls out of town . . . there's a lot of increasing impacts on our service," EMS director Pat Kennedy told committee members.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt had concerns about hiring more staff.

"I was a bit taken aback by the proposal of four, full-time paramedics," she said.

Kennedy is proposing that one of the

county ambulances that is used for summertime standby become a year-round vehicle.

"I think before we approve that, I think I'd like to see some of us meet and see if there isn't another solution," Fearrey said. "Before we just bite right off the bat, I'd like to pursue some other avenues."

Departmental draft budget documents can be viewed by visiting the county's website.

County council will look at the budget at its Jan. 25 meeting and again after provincial funding is announced in March.



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# Highlands East to embrace social media

Municipality plans to begin using Facebook and Twitter

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Highlands East wants to be your friend on Facebook.

The municipality is stepping into a new era as plans to adopt social media were discussed at their Jan. 10 meeting of council.

The decision to introduce the municipality to social media platforms was a result of internal discussions since the development of the new Highlands East website, said Aaron Berning, webmaster for the municipality.

Berning explained the benefits of using social media forums, such as Facebook and Twitter, as a form for delivering information to members of the public.

"Facebook has a little bit richer content and there's more people on it. I think when we're looking at this stuff we're going to have higher engagement using Facebook," he said.

While they might attract less engagement with Twitter, the website is very simple to set up and use, therefore making it an appealing forum as well, said Berning.

"If we're going to do it, we should do both at the same time," he said.

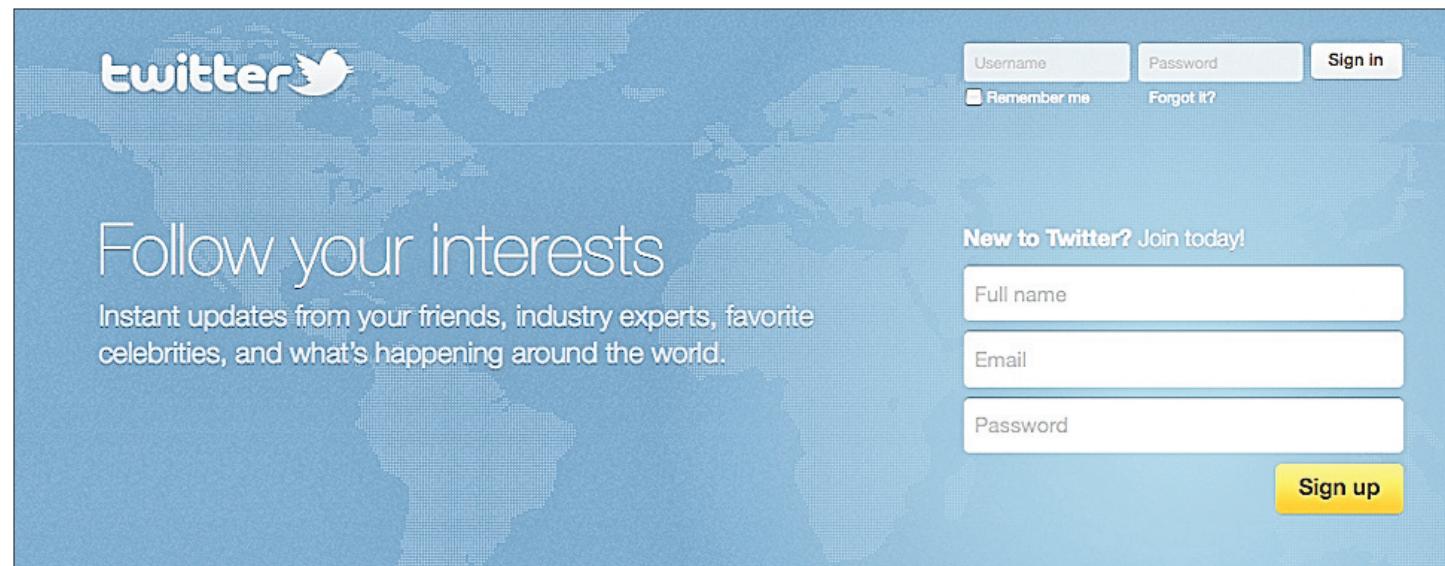
One benefit of utilizing social media is that accounts can be managed and used by multiple people, said Berning.

Municipal administrative assistant Brittany Ellis will likely maintain the accounts, while all members of council are encouraged to use them.

With multiple people using and interacting on the sites, Berning suggested council members and municipal staff sign off using initials, thus delivering messages clearly.

"You want to have some sort of attribution, it reduces it looking like some big corporate entity putting stuff on the Internet."

Embracing social media will allow the municipality to deliver information in both a timely and succinct manner, said Berning.



The municipality of Highlands East will soon be using social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter after it discussed the opportunities with each website at its Jan. 10 council meeting.

"So for example if we wanted to say 'outdoor rinks are now open' that would be something that would go on social media?" Councillor Cecil Ryall asked.

"Yes, that's the perfect thing," said Berning.

While the Highlands East website will continue to be utilized, Twitter and Facebook will provide the public with a chance to facilitate dialogue and post comments or questions.

"As a result of this the municipality has to be willing and able to deal with public feedback, both positive and negative," Berning cautioned. "I myself don't think that's a bad thing."

The webmaster informed council he would be setting up a two-way link between the website and social media, thus ensuring no information was getting lost amongst the public.

"You will have some who strictly use the website and some who use social media, this way both groups will have the ability to see all the information published."

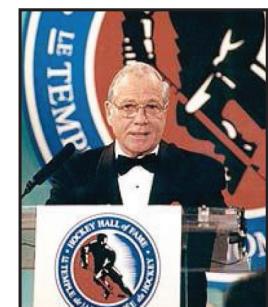
Chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig said council would address a social media budget that Berning had presented at their Jan. 24 meeting.

"It's certainly not out of our realm," said Stoughton-Craig.

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# County considers hosting summer games

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County will be looking into hosting the 2014 Ontario Youth Summer Games.

The county will be sending a letter of intent to host the event to its organizers, after a recommendation from the economic development committee on Jan. 11.

However, councillors are clearly apprehensive about whether hosting the competition would be wise for the county and its four lower-tier townships.

A report from county economic development and tourism director Bob Smith said his department had been approached about submitting the letter.

"A letter of intent is simply that," Smith told councillors. "It doesn't bind anybody to do anything further, it just indicates we'd like to be on the list [of potential locations]."

Some of the work has already been done as the county made an unsuccessful bid to host the games in 2008 and it would have until May 10 to research whether or not hosting the 2014 games would be a viable option.

"We've proven through the Winterfest that we can host a multi-discipline sporting event," Smith said, referring to the 2011 Ontario Senior Winter Games, which were held in the county last February.

The youth games would be larger in scope.

While Winterfest included about 1,000 athletes and spectators, the youth games would draw up to 3,500 athletes, which could create difficulties with logistics and transportation.

Minden Hills Barb Reid was not a fan of the idea.

"My feeling is that we're in transition," Reid said, referring to a roads committee meeting earlier in the day where the potential need for capital cuts had been dis-

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**I think the thing we need to get our head around is that it's a huge economic impact for a short period of time.**

— Murray Fearrey

cussed. "I'm not sure that this is the right time for Haliburton County to take this on."

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey agreed.

"I think the thing we need to get our head around is that it's a huge economic impact for a short period of time," he said. "But we don't have the infrastructure . . . the munici-

palities do not have the dollars here to be able to facilitate this. We don't have the ball diamonds and the things that they require."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt was on side with her colleagues.

"That's exactly what my notes are," Moffatt said. "What are the impacts to the municipalities? What expectations are there from them?"

Committee members recommended moving forward with the letter of intent, agreeing that a decision could be made after more examination of the event's requirements had been completed.

"You don't want to invite people here and do a poor job," Moffatt said. "That would kill us worse than not having the event."

The economic development committee is comprised of the county's four reeves.

Moffatt is the chairwoman for 2012, Reid the vice-chair.

They were voted into these positions at the beginning of the Jan. 11 meeting.

## Tory Hills standby base could be done by April

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Ideally, the standby EMS base in Tory Hill could be complete in April.

Councillors on the county emergency

services committee recommended awarding the project to Mark Lane Construction during their Jan. 11 meeting.

Lane's bid of \$150,611 plus HST was the lowest of the 10 bids received for the job.

The project includes the demolition of a portion of the former Tory Hill fire hall and

construction of a 660-square-foot addition that will house a washroom and space for on-duty staff as well as a storage area.

It will be built at the rear of the building's two-bay garage.

The cost for the project will be paid out in 2012 and recovered over a number of years and will likely require the county to borrow money.

There are issues with the funding formula being put forward by the land ambulance service branch of Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, treasurer Laura Janke told councillors.

"The funding formula that they're going to do forces us to go out and borrow the money for it, whether we have the money internally and can lend it to ourselves . . . they won't allow that," Janke said. "We still will recover the cost of the building, but over a longer period of time."

"So, they want to put you in debt," county Warden Murray Fearrey observed.

"Yep, they do," Janke responded. "The arguments are just ridiculous on their behalf."

Janke and treasurers from throughout eastern Ontario are fighting the ministry on the funding formula, and there will be a meeting on the subject in March.

The contract cost does not include engineering expenses (typically in the area of 10 per cent of project), but EMS director Pat Kennedy is hoping to find savings to cover those.

Using shingles instead of a steel roof, for example, could save the county \$10,000.

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"It's still a work in progress," Kennedy said.

Construction would not proceed until after the committee's recommendation is approved by county council later this month.

It is rare for council to reject a committee recommendation.

The county purchased the former fire hall from Highlands East for \$2.

While the original plan was to renovate the existing building, it was decided in the summer it would be more cost efficient to demolish part of the aging structure and build an addition.

The county has a fleet of five ambulances; two manned 24 hours a day; one manned 12 hours and day; and two on backup.

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# Health unit urges smokers to consider Driven to Quit contest

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

Last year, more than 600 people from Haliburton, Northumberland and the City of Kawartha Lakes signed up for the Driven to Quit Challenge.

This year, the local health unit is hoping to see just as much enthusiasm for the program and is embarking on a strong campaign to get people excited about giving up smoking.

On Jan. 9, public health nurse Jennifer Robertson set up shop at the Family Health Team office in Haliburton to spread the word about the challenge, which is supported by the health unit, but run by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Driven to Quit asks smokers to give up tobacco products for March 2012 for a chance to win a 2012 Ford Fusion hybrid car or a 2012 Ford Edge, \$5,000 vacation getaways or one of seven \$2,000 cash prizes.

By 1 p.m., Robertson had spoken to about 25 people – everyone who came through the waiting room since 11:30 a.m.

The challenge is a way to spark interest in smoking cessation, she said, but isn't the only program offered to those who want to quit.

Robertson, who works in the chronic disease and injury prevention department, also pointed to the Smokers' Helpline as a valuable resource for those considering giving up smoking (1-877-513-5333, smokershelpline.ca).

Haliburton resident Wendy Nicholls, 20, was one of the people Robertson spoke to in the medical centre's waiting room.

Nicholls is a smoker who has tried to quit, but was unsure about the Driven to Quit Challenge.

"I've tried and I can't hold off. I tried to go a week without a smoke [without success]," Nicholls said.

She said the idea of the challenge was a good one and she would pass along information to a friend of hers who might be interested, but for now, she wasn't prepared to give up the habit.

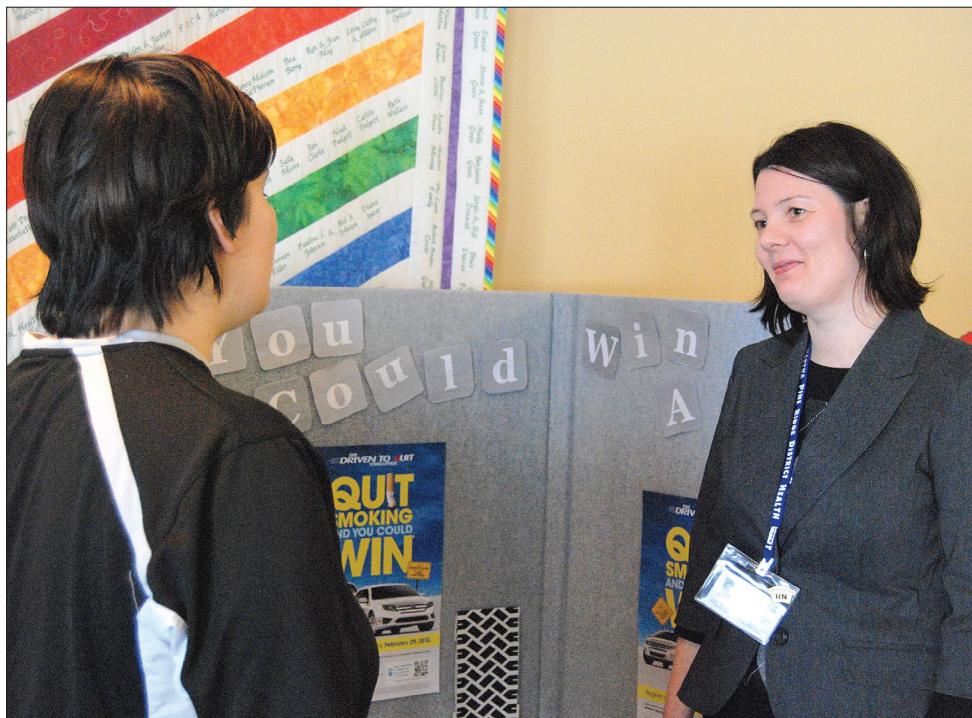
"Maybe one day, when I'm ready," she said.

Programs and services exist not only for smokers who want to quit, but also for those not yet ready to take the plunge, Robertson said.

"Generally, people who smoke do want to quit at some point. Whether it's today or not is the question," she said.

"We try to meet our clients on an individual level."

Health promoter Dearbhla Lynch of the health unit said



**Public health nurse Jennifer Robertson speaks with Wendy Nicholls about the Driven to Quit Challenge at the Family Medical Centre in Haliburton Jan. 9. Robertson was promoting the challenge, which encourages smokers to quit for the month of March for a chance to win a car, vacation or cash prizes.**

**Jenn Watt Staff**

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— Dearbhla Lynch,  
Health promoter

even if the quit attempt is unsuccessful, progress is still being made.

"[Smokers] do usually learn something from the experience that helps them do better next time," Lynch said.

"You can look back and see what happened in the past attempts and see the things we need to work on for the next attempt."

The health unit doesn't run its own quitting programs, but rather supports those in the community who are already interacting with smokers.

Currently, they are working with health and social service professionals who can do "brief interventions" with smokers.

Within the health unit's region, 16.7 per cent of residents report smoking daily. In the province of Ontario, that number is 15.4 per cent.

Robertson will be visiting Lindsay's Ross Memorial Hospital as part of the Driven to Quit Challenge outreach later in the month.

Driven to Quit has been running since 2006 and has motivated more than 165,000 to try to quit since that time.

To qualify, you must be 19 years old as of March 1 and have used tobacco at least once a week for a minimum of 10 months in 2011 and 100 times in your life.

To register, go to [DrivenToQuit.ca](http://DrivenToQuit.ca) by midnight on Feb. 29 or call the Smokers' Helpline at 1-877-513-5333 by 9 p.m. on Feb. 29.

## Program to offer free nicotine patches to smokers

If your New Year's resolution is to give up smoking, then there is extra incentive to quit in 2012.

The STOP (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program will return to Haliburton County next month. STOP is a program that supports smokers trying to quit by providing them with five weeks of free nicotine patches. Smokers who attend the STOP Program will also get educational material and other resources to help them in the quitting process.

"Becoming tobacco-free can be challenge, and that is where the STOP Program can help you achieve the goal of quitting," says Dearbhla Lynch, a health promoter with the

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The health unit is partnering with the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health to bring the STOP Program to Haliburton County on Feb. 16.

To find out if they qualify for the STOP Program, people will be asked to complete an initial screening by phone, and if successful, will be asked to attend the STOP session in February. People can call 705-455-9220, ext. 311 to speak to Connie Wood at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

Because of limited space, Lynch encourages people to

register now for the STOP Program.

"Nicotine patches can really improve the chances of quitting smoking, but some people may not be able to afford them," Lynch says. "With the STOP Program, patches are available free-of-charge and can really improve a smoker's chances of successfully quitting."

The STOP Program is conducted by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and receives funding from Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as part of its Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy. Since 2005, the STOP Program has helped more than 68,000 people across the province in their quest to give up tobacco.

# Reads of the week



## Book of the Week

*Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer

Oskar Schell, an unusual nine-year-old, has embarked on an urgent, secret mission that will take him through the five boroughs of New York. His goal is to find the lock that matches a mysterious black key that belonged to his father, who died in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11th. This seemingly impossible task will take Oskar, and the reader, on a bittersweet and often hilarious journey. Be sure to read the book before you see the movie. You can get it in print or e-book formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

## Book of the Week (Teen Title)

*Blood Red Road* by Moira Young

Eighteen-year-old Saba and her beloved twin brother, Lugh, know nothing of the world beyond the bleak landscape of their father's shack on the outskirts of a post-apocalyptic Wrecker city. Everything changes, though, when Lugh is abducted. Saba sets out to find him, trailed by her annoying little sister, Emmi. As the two girls cross a desert wasteland, they enter into a world in which there are only small surviving remnants of humanity. Eventually captured, Saba is forced to fight for her life in cage matches; that is, until some new, unlikely friends help her plan an escape. Often compared to the *Hunger Games* and Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*, this new Canadian YA series is filled with

excitement, drama and, of course, romance. Reserve this Costa-Award winning title in print or e-book formats at your library.

## Local Celebrity Read

Judy McDuff recently finished the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. The seven book series began with *The Philosopher's Stone* in 1997 and ended with *The Deathly Hallows* in 2007. In its 10 year run, the Harry Potter books have captured readers all over the world, crossing gender and age barriers – they are truly novels of mass appeal. And so agree McDuff, treasurer of the 4Cs Food Bank/Lily Ann, located in Haliburton village.

"I have watched all the movies and read all the books," says McDuff. "It's entertaining.

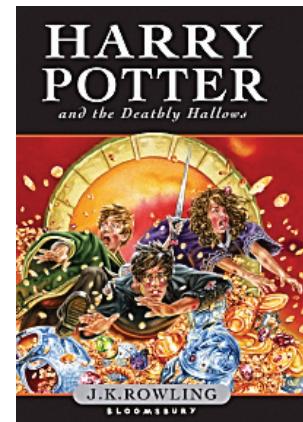
The kids are always getting into trouble. I" like how the three characters handle themselves through everything." Her favourite book in the series is *Rise of the Phoenix* and her favourite character is, of course, Harry. "My favourite character is



Harry mainly because of his life before he came to Hogwarts."

Like many, McDuff believes that *The Deathly Hallows* was a good conclusion to the series. However, she is not convinced it will mark the end of Harry Potter's adventures. "I could see a sequel with Harry as an adult," she says, "maybe one that deals with the troubles of his children when they go to Hogwarts."

Until then, McDuff plans to re-read the series with her grandchildren.



## News & Events

Family Literacy Day is Jan. 27. Stop by the Dysart branch (Haliburton) at 10:30 a.m. or the Minden branch at 2 p.m. for fun kids' activities and games themed on the picture book *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson.

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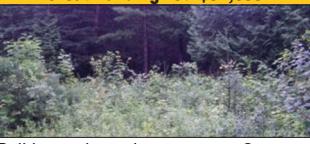
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# Circus Terrifico comes to Haliburton

Photos by Chad Ingram



Children play with dry ice, used to create the effect of smoke, during Circus Terrifico at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion as part of Razzamataz Kids Shows on Jan. 15.



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# HATVA wants more time on trail

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton ATV Association is hoping to increase its time on the Rail Trail.

HATVA vice-president Ron Cook visited councillors on the county's economic development committee at their Jan. 11 meeting, requesting the period during which ATVs are permitted on the former rail bed between Haliburton Village and Kinmount be extended.

Under current county bylaws, ATVs are permitted on the Rail Trail June through October.

In April of last year, HATVA had requested that timeframe be altered to include May.

"That was turned down because there was insufficient time to change the schedule," Cook said.

A July letter from the association to the county dealing with the same subject was tabled.

"I guess I'm putting in a preliminary request to open the trail in May of this year for ATVs, pending the recommendations of the steering committee as well," Cook told councillors, referring to the process the county has undertaken under the direction of community planner Kate Hall.

Hall was hired by the county in the summer to conduct an inclusive public consultation process that has included a number of public workshops and will see another on Feb. 7 to evaluate options resulting from the previous meetings.

The steering committee consists of Hall, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt and a handful of handpicked citizens, people with experience in consensus decision-making.

In his presentation, Cook pointed out that dust and navigability had been identified as problems and said his association was willing to contribute \$5,000 a year for five years to combat the problem with toppling material for the trail.

A second request was that the association be able to spend a day on the trail in April, doing cleanup and conducting inspections of trail damage.

"Last year I was with bylaw officers in the backseat and we came down to Kinmount and there was a huge washout," Cook said, explaining a portion of the trail had fallen away into a nearby river, leaving just enough room for vehicles to pass. "The trail was open with this dangerous situation."

Councillors had no issue with allowing the association on the trail for a day in April. Permission to access to the trail in May, however, is something that will have to wait.

"Certainly it would be my suggestion that because we have a process that's been extended, but it is still in place . . . this committee, I think, supported waiting to decide on the early access until the public process was finished," Moffatt said.

It was originally anticipated that Hall's process would be completed by the end of 2011.

However, her final report on solutions for the Rail Trail is now expected in March.

"I'd like to acknowledge the offer that's been extended to the county from the ATV association to put some money behind the control of dust and some of the issues that have been identified," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

Moffatt said that offer had also been recognized by a steering committee meeting the preceding Monday.

## Business award nominees

*The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the following nominees of the sixth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards:*

### Business Achievement Award

Master's Book Store, Northern Expressions, Old Mill Marina, Parker Pad & Printing, Sharpley's Source for Sports, Subway Restaurants - Haliburton and Minden, The Pump Shop, West Guilford Shopping Centre and WRD Cottage Rental Agency.

### Customer First Award

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### Innovations and Creativity Business Award

Artech Studios, Bent Nose Media "Highways to Fairways," Haliburton Indoor Cycling, Heat-line Limnion Geothermal Transfer Systems, Wintergreen Maple Products, Yours Outdoors.

### Not-for-Profit of the Year Award

Haliburton County Public Library, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association, Haliburton Nordic Trails Association, Point in Time, SIRCH Community Services, Volunteer Dental Outreach.

### New Business Award

241 Pizza, Deer Creek Custom Wood Products, mj Creative Services, Pine Grove Point and WAI Products Limited.

### Skilled Trades and Industry Award

Darren Lum, Haliburton Outdoor Equipment, Highland Glass and Window

### Highlander of the Year Award

Jim Blake, Barb Bolin, Jim Frost, Murray Fearrey, Phil Graham, Doug McIntosh, Beth O'Connor, Janis Parker, Kim Stamp, John Teljeur

*The winners will be announced at the chamber's awards gala Jan. 28 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. For tickets, call 705-457-4700.*

# 10th Annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby

January 21 & 22, 2012

### Race Officials

<p><b>Race Co-ordinators</b> Hank DeBruin &amp; Tanya McCready</p>	<p><b>Race Marshall</b> Jim Cunningham</p>
<p><b>Veterinarians</b> Dr. Laurie Brown</p>	

**Schedule**

**Friday January 20th, 2012**

<p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>Registration (outside Highlanders - Pinestone Resort)</p>
<p>8:00 pm</p>	
<p>Welcome &amp; Bib Draw (Highlanders Bar)</p>	

**Saturday**  
**January 21st, 2012**

<p>7:30 am</p>	<p>Late Registration</p>	<p>7:30 am</p>
<p>8:00 am</p>		<p>Drivers Meeting</p>
<p>9:00 am</p>		<p>1 dog Ski-joring</p>
<p>10:15 am</p>		<p>4 Dog Race</p>
<p>11:45 am</p>		<p>Youth Race</p>
<p>12:30 pm</p>		<p>Kidd &amp; Mutt</p>
<p>1:00 pm</p>		<p>6 Dog Race</p>
<p>2:30 pm</p>		<p>2 Dog Skijoring</p>
<p>3:45 pm</p>		<p>8 Dog Race</p>

**Sunday**  
**January 22nd, 2012**

<p>7:30 am</p>	<p>Drivers Meeting</p>	<p>7:30 am</p>
<p>8:30 am</p>		<p>1 Dog Skijoring</p>
<p>9:45 am</p>		<p>4 Dog Race</p>
<p>11:15 am</p>		<p>Youth Race</p>
<p>12:00 noon</p>		<p>6 Dog Race</p>
<p>1:30 pm</p>		<p>2 Dog Skijoring</p>
<p>2:45 pm</p>		<p>8 Dog Race</p>
<p>4:00 pm</p>		<p>Presentations</p>



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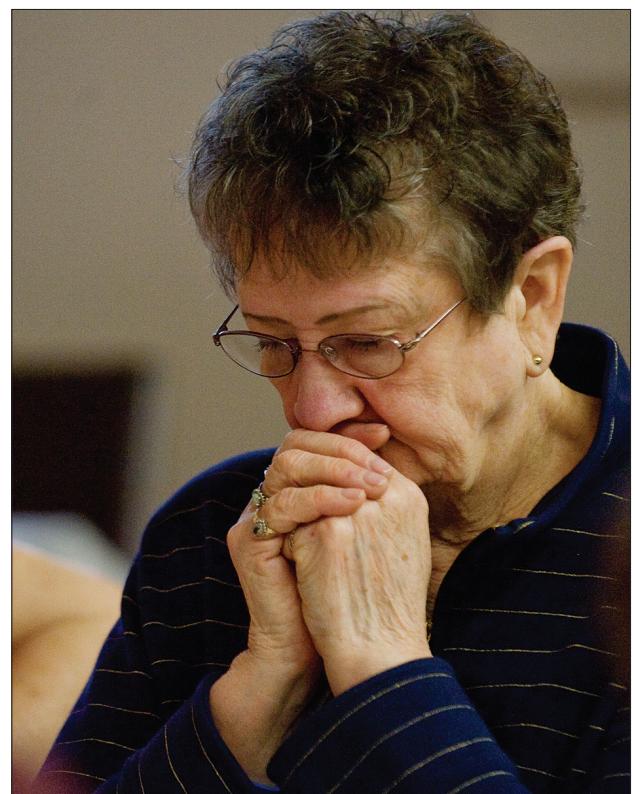
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Clockwise, from top left, guest speaker Sergeant Vince D'Amico of the Durham Regional Police Service laughs while addressing the audience; MP of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes - Brock Barry Devolin, left, and MPP of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes -Brock Laurie Scott share a light-hearted moment; a woman prays near the start of the event; Reverend Harry Morgan sings and plays the guitar with the accompaniment of an entire audience, which included leaders from Haliburton County, at the Leaders Prayer Breakfast facilitated by the Haliburton Ministerial Association at the West Guelph Community Centre on Thursday, Jan. 12.

# Answering the calling

The fourth annual Leaders Prayer Breakfast may have drawn fewer people than last year, but its strength and ability to recognize and unite leaders from the political, community and service spheres continued with the same conviction. Local OPP, fire service, emergency medical services, local politicians and riding politicians were in attendance for the event that also brings together people of different denominations to recognize all of the leaders in the community for one unity event that included breakfast and music. Guest speaker Vince D'Amico spoke to coming to faith later in life and how he and others in essential service do God's work by answering the call every day.





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# Sports



**Peter Elia** Special to the Echo

The Red Hawks varsity hockey team won their second A division St. Peter's Saints Classic high school boys hockey tournament crown at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough on Thursday, Jan. 12. Haliburton pulled out the victory with a 3-2 win in triple overtime against the Pickering St. Mary's Monarchs.

## Triple overtime winner seals repeat win

**Dale Clifford**

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton Red Hawks defended their A division crown in the St. Peter's Saints Classic high school boys hockey tournament at the Evinrude Centre Thursday afternoon but it didn't come easily and was recorded in dramatic fashion.

Representing the Kawartha league, they rallied to edge the Pickering St. Mary's Monarchs 3-2 in triple overtime with Brett Yake, son of the coach Ron Yake, providing the heroics.

With the teams playing two-on-two in the OT format, Yake stole the puck at the blueline and made a couple of moves on a breakaway to beat Monarch netminder Stefan Lamanna.

"I went to my main move," said the 17-year-old centre, in his fourth year of Red Hawk hockey.

"It worked out. It was amazing to win it and we never dreamed we would do it again. There was a lot of pride in representing Kawartha. We came back because we work hard and keep on grinding. We have a lot of depth."

It was the third title overall for Haliburton in the tournament, following a B division crown seven years ago.

In an amazing run so far for this campaign, they have yet to lose a game. They went 4-0-2 in the Classic, including two wins and two ties from four overtime encounters. With about half the roster of 20 back from last year, they are currently tied for first in the league with the Holy Cross Hurricanes at 6-0 and captured the Maxwell tournament in Whitby just before the Christmas break.

"We have a lot of athletic character and athleticism," said coach Yake. "They always believe anything is possible and



Haliburton's goalie Andy Elia stops a shot from St. Mary's Matt Adams during final hockey action during the annual St. Peter's Saints Classic hockey tournament on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at the Evinrude Centre.

**Clifford Skarstedt**  
QMI Agency

they work hard. They are a wonderful group to coach. It was a wonderful feeling to win it twice with many of the same kids and win it for Kawartha. We have a strong league and we are happy to represent it."

As for his son scoring the winner he said, with a slight smile: "I have a parent side and coach's side. I was happy on both."

It appeared as the game was winding down it might not reach overtime but the Red Hawks got even at 2-2 when Jordan Howe scored on the power play with five minutes left. Captain Corrado Cammisuli scored both Pickering goals in

the first period and Zack Boice got Haliburton on the board late in the session. Yake finished with two assists.

In the other finals, Mississauga St. Aloysius Gonzaga blanked Scarborough Blessed Cardinal Newman 2-0 in B and Napanee shut out Port Hope Trinity College School 3-0 in C.

In semifinal action, it was Haliburton 4, Scarborough Mowat 1; Gonzaga 1, North Bay Widdifield 0; Newman 4, Port Perry 1; Trinity College School 2, Ajax Jr. 1; Napanee 5, Lakefield College School 1 and Pickering 2 Whitby Father Leo Austin 1.

# Red Hawks hang on for first season win

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

He said it. They did it. The Red Hawks won.

It might not have been that simple, but everything came together for the senior boys' basketball team against the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Haliburton pulled through to win their first game of the regular season 46-38.

Head coach Dave Waito has been steadfast in his belief that if the team remembers to hustle on the floor, commit the body and work hard on the glass the wins will come.

"That's what we've been talking about since day one. Those hustle points, the rebounds, the charges, the loose balls on the floor that always make the difference in the game," Waito said. "We saw guys hitting the floor for ... loose balls. Around our free throw line they were on there [too]."

Waito adds the team executed the press very well, particularly in the beginning, which led to the eventual insur-

mountable lead.

"That set the tempo for the whole game. We were full energy right from the get-go," he said.

Going in both teams were winless.

The coach believed the team had a strong chance after two close regular season games. Coach Walter Tose and Waito said the team showed strong composure, patience on the offensive end.

Both coaches were happy to see their veterans such as Damon Flatman and Denver Smith play as they have all season, with maturity, including forcing turnovers by taking offensive charges in addition to scoring.

Rookie Zack Cox continues to mature and is showing greater composure in the key with each passing game. His defensive rebound in the dying minutes helped to stem the Spartans' offensive momentum after they had strung together three unanswered quick successive baskets.

At the suggestion this could be a turning point in the team's season, Waito was hopeful, but did not want make any predictions.

"That's the kind of thing you can say in hindsight not in foresight so we'll see how it goes," he said.



**Darren Lum**  
Staff  
Red Hawks senior point guard Damon Flatman breaks by Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans player Nick Hepburn during a game in Haliburton on Wednesday, Jan. 11.



**Darren Lum** Staff

Red Hawks senior guard Denver Smith, in white, gets off a running jumper, flanked by three Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans in Haliburton on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Smith had seven points in the first half to help the Red Hawks win their first game. Offensive player of the game was Damon Flatman, and defensive player was Zack Cox.

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# Local skijorer to compete in Highlands derby



Chad Ingram Staff

Archie Stouffer Elementary School teacher Karen Koehler along with Tease, left, and Finney will be competing in the upcoming Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby held at the Pinenstone Resort on Jan. 21 and 22.

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

When you see a smiling woman on Nordic skis being pulled by a pair of dogs don't be alarmed. It's just Karen Koehler training for skijoring at the upcoming 10th annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby being held at the Pinenstone Resort and Conference Centre, located just outside Haliburton, on Jan. 21 and 22.

Koehler, who loves skijoring more for its social aspect and to spend time with her dogs, Tease and Finney, than the act, describes the sport as a cross between horseback riding and downhill skiing, which involves the teamwork between a person on Nordic skis and a dog or dog team, who are all harnessed and tethered to each other.

"It's really nice being with the dogs. It's not a big group of people so you get to know everybody really well and we all help each other out. A lot of the races I have to drive far for so it's so nice to be at home," the Nordic skier and Archie Stouffer Elementary School teacher said.

The Carnarvon resident is excited at the home course advantage and all the benefits, which include a short drive and familiar spectators. She receives great satisfaction at sharing her accomplishments with her students and thinks they may be on the sidelines when she competes.

The 10th anniversary is a milestone, but has also meant greater difficulty in attaining sponsorships each successive year organizer Tanya McCready (who founded the event with husband Hank DeBruin) said.

She has every intention of keeping it going though and hopes it is still of interest to the community and will look at options for sponsorship and funding.

The race course (routes from four up to eight miles) and the community has a firm reputation among mushers across the continent.

"On the whole it is known as a good trail. It is known as a very challenging trail. There are certainly some mushers that don't come because of that, but on the whole we've developed a pretty good reputation. Haliburton as a com-

munity has developed an amazing reputation for being a really welcoming town for a race," she said.

The Highlands event was where she got started in the sport, competing for the first time seven years ago. Last year she represented Canada in the Sled Dog Sports World Championships in skijoring held in Norway, as part of the Canadian National Ski Team.

Koehler gives credit to her husband Rob Sargeant for a lot of help with skijoring, particularly acting as her dogs' trainer.

She doesn't have a specific placement goal for this local event, but hopes to acquire points in participating to earn the necessary points for the berth to the next world championships, which has an undetermined location venue. She expects to compete in as many as eight races.

Since she only has sprint team dogs, which are best suited to dogsled teams, she feels at a disadvantage in competitions, as specifically bred Norwegian shorthaired pointer breeds are bigger and better suited to working on their own than in a team.

"When you skijor by yourself you do want a big, lanky dog. You don't go as fast as an eight-dog team because you only have got one dog. If he's a little bit slower it doesn't matter, but if he's willing to pull a little bit harder than a smaller dog then you're good to go," she said.

Right now she has one Norwegian shorthaired pointer, but he is a puppy and not mature enough to race. Koehler's best finish in this local race, she said, was a second place two years ago.

The skijoring field here has fluctuated from year to year, she said. However since this year's derby is a sanctioned event by the International Federation of Sled Dog Sports and the International Sled Dog Racing Association more competitors are expected. Some may even drive for two days to compete, as often happens in the season.

Despite the few skijoring competitors, there are two other local teams entering this year's event and Koehler knows both of them: Gail Perrin and her daughter Maria.

The derby will include purebred and Alaskan classes, youth race and kid and mutt class.

New to the derby this year is an art showcase of local artists and includes a diverse range of artwork such as stained glass, pottery, fabric art, knife work and metal work. It will be held in the Pinenstone Resort.

Next year organizers are considering adding a middle distance race (30 miles) and are open to suggestions or ideas for possible routes.

For more information of the event and volunteering opportunities see the website ([www.haliburtondogsled-derby.com](http://www.haliburtondogsled-derby.com)).

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Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks junior player Devon Upton cuts to the hoop against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans player Trent Jackson during a game held in Haliburton on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

## Hodgson joins all-star event

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

It's official. You can count him in as a rookie worth watching in the National Hockey League.

After battling injuries and being on the cusp of fulfilling pre-draft publicity, Vancouver Canucks Cody Hodgson broke through and showed he indeed belongs with his inclusion in this year's NHL all-star multi-day event hosted by Ottawa, starting on Thursday, Jan. 26.

He was all smiles (even if surprised) when he learned from the media he was

one of 12 rookies making the trip to the all-star weekend.

The 21-year-old said the selection was an honour, as there are a lot of good rookies this season and referred to his team as a major reason for his success in his first full campaign in the NHL.

Hodgson, who has 25 points (10 goals and 15 assists) through 45 games, will make the trip with teammates Alex Edler and the Sedin twins, Henrik and Daniel.

Vancouver has the second most players represented, just behind the host city's Ottawa Senators, who had five voted in by fans.

## 53rd Skyline Bonspiel comes

The 53rd Men's Bonspiel has 24 teams from across the province competing for four trophies and prizes at the Haliburton Curling Club from Jan. 20 to 22. Play starts at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20. It continues all day (from 9 a.m. to 4) Saturday and Sunday. The finals are at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Visitors are welcome.

Wayne Hussey, bonspiel chairman: 705-457-2892 or 705-457-0030

## Lady Hawks complete comeback

**Judi Paul's class**  
Special to the Echo

*The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Jan. 13*

### Wednesday, Jan. 11

The junior boys' Red Hawks basketball team started slowly in the first half, but played a solid second half against the second place LCVI Spartans, matching them bucket for bucket.

The varsity girls' hockey team travelled to Lindsay to take on the I.E. Weldon Wildcats. Despite Weldon taking an early

lead, the Lady Hawks battled back with goals from Megan Allore (2) and Julia Fedeski. Strong defence, including a last-second block from Sam Tallman, and stingy goaltending secured a 3-2 win for the team.

The junior girls' volleyball team travelled to Brock where they had some amazing firsts and played hard as a team to score 19 points against the leading team in the league.

### Thursday, Jan. 12

The varsity girls' hockey team travelled to Peterborough where they lost their first game of the season to a deep, triple A squad from St. Pete's. Scoring for the Red Hawks were Maddie Billings and Sam Tallman.

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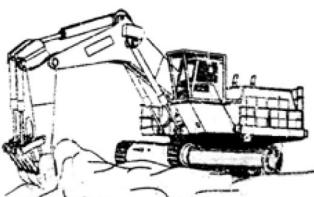
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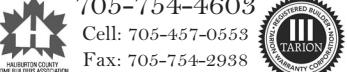
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## Hockey for the ducks

The second annual Haliburton Ducks Unlimited Canada Four-on-Four Hockey Tournament took place at the Dysart arena during the weekend. Sponsored by Brick Brewery, the event also included a beer garden and dance on Saturday night. Here, players from the "Dukes" and the "Jock Offs" go head-to-head in a game on Jan. 14.

Chad Ingram Staff

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## Notices



### AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A VISIONING SESSION FOR THE DYSART MUNICIPAL CULTURAL PLAN

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al invites interested persons to participate in a visioning session for the Dysart Municipal Cultural Plan. This is an economic development plan, which is focused on arts, culture and heritage. The approved plan will be implemented through the actions of the Municipality and supported and advanced by the actions of our community partners and stakeholders.

**Date:** Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Great Hall, Fleming College  
1297 College Drive  
Haliburton, Ontario

To participate in this session, please pre-register with the Municipality prior to **Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012**, by calling 705-457-1740.

For further information, please contact Patricia Martin, Director of Planning and Development, during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday).

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The Highland Storm Atom A team won the Liftlock Tournament beating the Gloucester Rangers 5-1 on Jan. 15, 2012. /Photo submitted by Joanne Sisson

## Atom As win Liftlock Tournament

What a weekend the Highland Storm Atom As had. We started out Friday afternoon in Ennismore. We played our first game against the Peterborough Nationals. The game was definitely a hard fought battle. The teams were evenly matched, but the Storm came out on top winning 3-2.

Saturday we started the day playing the Brockville Braves. In the first period we were all over them and couldn't buy ourselves a goal. Once we found our groove as a team we took off and never looked back. We won that game with no problem at all with a score of 7-0.

From there we played the Twin Center Stars. We had a great game against them as well and found ourselves with a third win with a score of 2-1.

This put us in the semi final game on Sunday morning against Rideau St. Lawrence. It was an early morning for us but we rose to the occasion once again. We won this game 2-1 in overtime. This was definitely the hardest game of the weekend.

With everyone sitting on the edge of our seats entering overtime we pulled off a fantastic goal in the first 30 seconds of the game.

Off to the C Division finals we went, playing the Gloucester Rangers. We walked away with this game with a score of 5-1.

Our boys played their hearts out this weekend. All of us parents are very proud of you guys (coaching staff included) what a way to spend the weekend.

Great job guys! Sponsored by Dollo's Foodland.

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

## Bantam AE finish regular season

The Highland Storm Bantam Storm sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security ended their regular season on a sour note.

First up was Port Carling where they went down to the Thunder 5-1. Brenden McKee, with another strong game, had the only goal for the Storm.

Huntsville visited Minden on Sunday and in a wide open contest the Storm lost to the Otters 4-3. Jayden Wood opened the scoring but the lead was short lived as the Otters tied it up 26 seconds later.

The Storm struck first once again in the second period with Damon Winder scoring after a nice set up from Wood and Ryan Edwards. Huntsville only needed 23 seconds to tie the game this time.

The Otters scored quickly in the third to go up by a goal. Jayden Wood replied for the Storm with Edwards assisting.

The play went back and forth with chances by both teams but it was Huntsville securing the victory with a goal at 1:03 of the third period. The team finished the regular season with a record of 6-11-1.

Greater success came in tournament play where their record was 9-4. They were semi-finalists in the Silver Stick, A finalists in Huntsville and B champions in Port Carling. Good luck in the playoffs!

Submitted by Doug Sullivan



### HAIRDRESSING SERVICES Request for Quotations

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is inviting quotations for providing hairdressing services for the residents of Hyland Crest and Highland Wood and the Acute Care patients. Specifications may be picked up at the Minden Business Office, or the Haliburton Business Office, or can be faxed to you by calling 705-457-1392 ext. 221.

Quotations due by 3:00p.m., Monday, February 6, 2012.



## Local team wins in Bancroft

The locally sponsored Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre curling team won the M&M Bonspiel on Jan. 6 in Bancroft. The team managed to win their two games and accumulated more points in the process than the other 15 teams. Shown here are Larry Holden (second), Terry Roche (vice), David Connell (skip) and Case Bassie (lead).

Photo submitted by Larry Holden

## Degree of distraction

Some things are meant to distract us from our driving. There's a reason we have all those "distracting" items in our cars – to keep our minds off things that keep us a little saner than what we would be if more distracting and annoying things were to occupy our thoughts.

Think about it – you're sitting in the family room watching a show and the dishwasher is running in the kitchen behind you. It starts to grate on your nerves to the point that if one of the kids accidentally drops a spoon, you snap at them.

So instead, you turn up the volume on the television set and though the sound makes it harder to hear what else is going on around you, it's a much more pleasant distraction than the grating whirr of the kitchen appliance. And in the process, you don't notice the dropped utensil, meaning your child doesn't get yelled at.

The truth is, the biggest distractions in our driving routines are things we can't, or won't, legislate out, mainly because they've been part of the driving routine for generations.

The car radio has been playing out music since the 1930s. Over the years, we've seen the adoption of different bands and accessories (some good, some not so much), to the point that today's systems can handle a variety of inputs. They all serve the same purpose – to keep our minds off what would become annoyances.

One of those annoyances is passengers. Some people talk up a storm while others just can't sit still. Surveys indicate people in cars are the most distracting things to the driver, but they do fulfil our need for companionship, especially on long trips.

That's where eating and drinking at the wheel comes in. Heaven forbid if some government ever dictates we can't have a large double-double along to sip on while we're driving.

When we try to legislate things out of existence, something else comes along

that's worse – don't want people unfolding a map at the wheel? Give them a touch screen with which to find their way. If you legislate that out, guess what? We can develop voice actuation ... except that some are now arguing the interaction is the truly distracting part, not the gadget.

If that's the case, we should consider outlawing driving games with the kids – I spy with my little eye ...

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By Joe Duarte, QMI Agency*

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## Career & Business Opportunities

### RETAIL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR AN AGENCY STORE IN CARNARVON, LCBO RFP# 2012-104 CARNARVON

An excellent business opportunity is now available to established retailers in Carnarvon.

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) is seeking a responsible, customer-focused retailer to operate an LCBO Agency Store in Carnarvon.

To qualify, the applicant must have an existing, currently operating retail business in the community and commit to operating the Agency store within established LCBO guidelines. To facilitate the sale of beverage alcohol products, the operator may be required to enter into separate commercial arrangements with the LCBO and domestic beer suppliers. The successful applicant will also be required to participate in a special LCBO server-training program to ensure the responsible sale of beverage alcohol products.

Since 1962, the LCBO has authorized more than 200 Agency stores to serve communities that have requested service but where the local population is too small to support a regular LCBO or beer store. These Agency stores are operated by local retailers within their existing retail business. Agency store contracts are normally awarded for a five-year term. In communities where there is currently an Agency store, as the contract nears expiry, the LCBO will take into consideration the fact that new businesses in the community may have been established and will allow an opportunity for all businesses in the community to compete for the next five-year term.

Operating an LCBO Agency Store provides a retailer with an excellent opportunity to increase revenue and attract customers while providing local residents with beverage alcohol services. Agency stores also deliver economic benefits to the community in many cases through job creation and increased customer traffic for local merchants.

Interested businesses must request by mail the application package for this competition before end of business day, **Friday, February 3, 2012** and must quote the following information:

RFP# 2012-104 Carnarvon  
Request for Application Package  
Procurement and Contract  
Management, LCBO  
1 Yonge Street, Suite 1404  
Toronto, ON M5E 1E5



**Please note: An application fee of \$100 must be included with your request in order to receive an application package. Make the cheque or money order payable to the LCBO only.**

In order to be considered for this business opportunity, applicants must submit to LCBO Procurement and Contract Management a completed proposal in the required format before the closing date and time, **Friday, February 17, 2012, 3 p.m. local time**. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

# Summer festival looking for volunteers

Opportunities abound on stage for actors, singers and dancers this summer

The Highlands Summer Festival has issued its annual audition call with more than 40 potential on-stage positions up for grabs.

The audition call was issued just before the new year and covers the four productions: *Colours in the Storm: The Tom Thomson Story*; *Within Reach*; *Arsenic and Old Lace* and; *Steel Magnolias*.

Each production requires a variety of

actors with varying skills. *Colours in the Storm* is a musical telling of the story of painter Tom Thomson; *With Reach* is a youthful production which will be developed by the participants, telling the story of young girls' struggle for educational equality; the farce *Arsenic and Old Lace* is dotted with quirky characters of all ages and *Steel Magnolias* will feature six small town women in a story of friendship, love and just a bit of gossip.

As a regionally based community theatre, the Highland Summer Festival includes in its mandate the development of performing arts skills, especially among the young, in the community. In response to that man-

date, the festival welcomes experienced as well as first-time actors to its stage. Over the years, many members of our community have stepped onto the stage for the first time in a production of the Highlands Summer Festival. The company has also developed a company of experienced actors who return each year to share the fun and excitement of live theatre.

The festival has acquired a reputation for quality production that reflects the leadership of artistic producer Scot Denton and his team of professional directors. The quality is maintained through the dedication of all those involved in the productions.

This year, the audition call is Saturday

and Sunday, Jan. 21 and 22, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Anyone interested in giving it a try should visit the Highlands Summer Festival website first ([www.hIGHLANDSSUMMERFESTIVAL.ON.CA](http://www.hIGHLANDSSUMMERFESTIVAL.ON.CA)) and check the audition details. A complete list of expectations and requirements is outlined in that document, as are the characters in each of the productions and the approximate age ranges for each of spots.

So, if you have ever heard the call of the stage, this could very well be the year for you to respond.

For more information, contact the executive producers, Davis and Betty Mills, at 705-457-1354.

## Wildlife in your backyard

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Linda Heeps snapped this photo of a greedy doe eating the bird food in her backyard.



This photo was taken by Margaret Hutchinson on Jan. 11 on Cranberry Lake.



Linda Heeps captured this image of the blue jay and squirrel eating together in her yard.

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# Annual prayer breakfast saw more than 80 in attendance

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The third annual prayer breakfast was held at our community centre on Jan. 12. The bountiful breakfast was prepared and served buffet-style by Jane Duchene, Nancy Brink and Carol Stamp, and was duly appreciated by the more than 80 in attendance.

Speaker for the event was Sergeant Vince D'Amico of Durham Regional Police, introduced by his friend Bev Hicks. Each denomination was represented either formally or as members in the audience. Prayer for each level of government was made from local and municipal level to members of Parliament: politicians included Laurie Scott, Barry Devolin and Andrea Roberts and representingemer-

gency services were Mike Landry, Sandy Adams, Dave Robertson, Miles Maughan and Larry Blanchard.

The initiative for the event began with the Haliburton ministerial representatives. Nick Adams had set up the sound system, Bev Hicks and Gary Swagerman did much of the behind-the-scenes work to see that all went on schedule.

The morning began at 8:30 a.m. and finished by 10:30 a.m. Jamie McMahon and Rev. Harry Morgan provided video and words for the music for singing. The Rev. Canon Anne Moore led the prayers and Gordy Swagerman led the closing prayer before the singing of *O Canada*.

Euchre results from last Tuesday found Colleen Davison and Ray Sisson on the top, with Barbara Brownsberger and Cliff Davison in the low scoring area. Most lone hands went to Myra Marshall and Peter Laplante.

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#### Jan 5 – Feb 25 Evidence at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden

Opening reception Saturday, January 14 at 1pm This is a group exhibition featuring photographers Ryan Szulc and Darren Lum exploring the role of photography today. Is the ultimate role of photography to document? Does society hold it as the true witness of our time? How much do we trust it? If it has become abused by technology is it just 'eye-candy' or is this what we as a society will be historically known as? This exhibition moves from shocking to stark realities that pull the viewer through a myriad of emotions. Laurie Carmont curator, 705-286-3763 [gallery@mindenhill.ca](mailto:gallery@mindenhill.ca), [www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com)

**Jan 15-March 4th The Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS)** will run a low cost Sunday programme for children and adults who have any form of disability, ie. physical, social, visible. Age is no problem. A pre-programme registration is required. Our 2012 programme begins at Sir Sams January 15th at 9:30am. and concluded by 3pm. or when the student shows signs of fatigue. Volunteers with average skiing ability are welcome to participate in the programme. For more information call Terry Maher 705-457-9604

**Jan 19: Canadian Federation of University Women meeting** at 1pm in the Roberts Room of the Dysart Library. Mike Jaycock and guests talking on the Haliburton Creative Incubator, Year 2. All women are invited to attend. For more info call 705-447-2402

**Jan 21: Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** will be hosting a musical performance by **The Kellett Family** on Saturday, January 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The afternoon includes 'Open Mic' time for anyone that want to take the stage and there will be meat draws with tickets purchased at the event. The public is invited to join us at the intersection of Hwy #35 and County Road #21

**Jan 24: Baby Mornings** at Minden OYEC 10 to 11 am. Do you have a baby under 1 yr old? Meet with other Moms to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting a baby. For more information please call 705-286-1770.

**Jan 26: Point in Time Cardiff Play Group Cardiff Elementary School:** Play Group 12:30pm-1:30pm Cardiff Kinder Group 1:30pm-2:30pm January 26, 2012, February 23, 2012, March 22, 2012, April 26, 2012 Please contact Dawn Hurd at 705-457-5345 Ext 311

**Jan 28- March 17: Opening reception** Saturday January 28 2-4 pm SCENE/SEEN in Haliburton: Rails End Gallery Members' Salon Exhibition Enjoy the "Haliburton scene" and check out this group exhibition in the salon style. Cast your vote for the Peoples Choice Award and see work by over 50 talented local artists in a wide range of media. Gallery hours Wed – Sat 11-5 23 York St. Haliburton Village [www.railsendgallery.com](http://www.railsendgallery.com) 457-2330

**Jan 28: from 10- noon, the Minden OYEC** has Doug Stephen and his model railway featuring "Thomas the Train and friends" visiting. Please call 705- 286-1770 for more information

**Jan 30: Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic** located at Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Br. 129 from 12:30pm - 6:30pm Call 1-888-2 Donate to book your appointment Please note location can change please confirm location when booking your appointment

**Feb 8: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** will meet at 1 pm at Stanhope Community Centre. Jan Anderson, an Osteopath, will instruct on how to prevent and treat chronic and acute injuries as they apply to sewing and quilting. Bring running shoes, comfortable clothes, a pen & paper and participate. Call Pat Stiver at (705) 489-3751 for information.

• **Highland's Hand weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **Toast Masters** meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 - 80

• **Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** The public is invited to enjoy a great lunch menu at the Minden Legion (corner of Hwy #35 and County Rd. #21) from Monday to Friday with a meat draw every Wednesday at noon and speciality fish & chips on the fourth Friday of each month. Every Friday evening we also offer a great fish & chip dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

• **The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

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**Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.**

**NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

# Help Wilberforce become Hockeyville

## Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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Hockeyville? What's that? "Where is Hockeyville?" you ask.

Drive near the arena in this village on most weekends and many evenings in late fall and winter and you realize you really are in Hockeyville. There are hockey equipment bags and sticks being lugged into the arena. Walk nearby and you hear the skates on ice, the bang of pucks on the boards. Enter the arena and a team of kids or adults will surely be on the ice, or gearing up in the dressing rooms, or eating in the snack bar. The zamboni will be getting the ice in great shape.

Yes, hockey is alive and well and living in Wilberforce. It has been for a long time. Since the days of shovelling off the ice on Dark Lake for a game some called shinny, the people of this community have always loved and supported

hockey. It's been part of our winters.

And then the joy of the first rink with boards and man-made ice on some leveled ground. Hockey fever and local enthusiasm got the first arena built and then rebuilt after a fire. The love of hockey, our great Canadian sport, got it replaced with the current one.

Now the community is in the midst of a drive to make Wilberforce Hockeyville 2012. You can help by going to KraftHockeyville.ca, search for Wilberforce and sign up to become a member. You can also join the effort by going to the Keith Tallman Arena on Saturday, Jan. 21 for a free public skate from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wear a hockey jersey if you have one. You will be able to sign up at the arena for Kraft Hockeyville. There will be a group photo at 5 p.m. at centre ice. There will be cake, raffles and lots of fun.

The enthusiasm and drive that built arenas and supported hockey over the years can successfully make Wilberforce Hockeyville 2012.

There have been some changes to the hours of the Wilberforce library. First, Thursday and Friday times have

not changed. On those days the library is open from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday evening the hours are 6 to 8 p.m. – just a small change. The big change is on Saturday. The library is now open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

During the Saturday hours there is a person available at the library to help people use the CAP site: that's the Community Access Program where members of the public can use the computer and Internet there. If you need help with some aspect of using the computer and Internet drop by or call to book a time for some assistance. It's free.

Like to watch some curling? There is a bonspiel on at the Wilberforce club this weekend, Friday evening and Saturday, Jan. 20 and 21.

Lunch for a loonie or what you can afford is available this Thursday, Jan. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Margaret's Church. There's soup, cake and coffee/tea.

The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. The guild operates the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum. All welcome to learn about the work there.

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### Coming Events

Haliburton County Fair  
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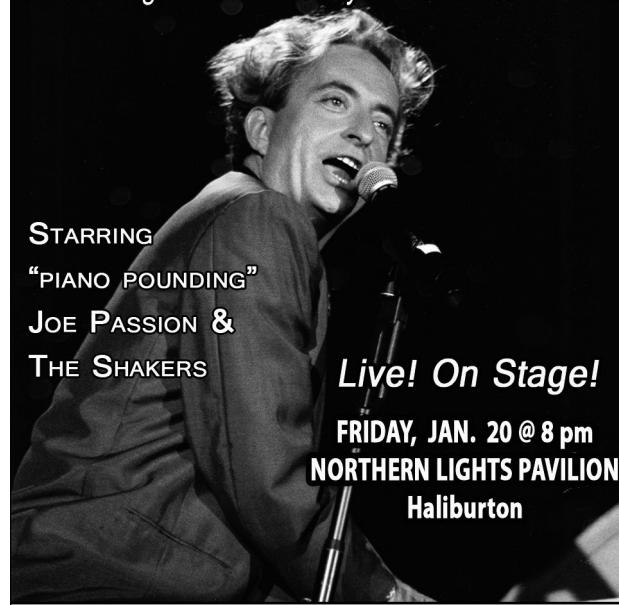
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Weekly Events – Jan. 16 to Jan. 22

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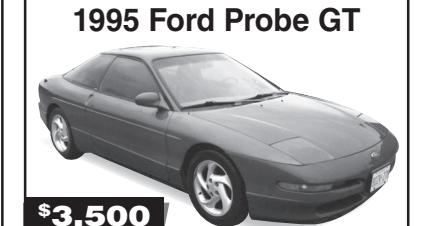
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Gwen Cox

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**BRECKLES, Lawrence George** - Passed away suddenly at his residence in Keswick on Wednesday January 11, 2012. Beloved husband of Diane Breckles (nee Dirus). Loving father of Colin (Tara) and Darren. Dear grandfather of Brooke and Sarah and brother of Bill. Friends may call at the **ROADHOUSE & ROSE FUNERAL HOME**, 157 Main St. South, Newmarket on Wednesday January 18th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 17955 Leslie St., Newmarket on Thursday January 19th at 11 a.m. followed by interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill. Donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at [www.roadhouseandrose.com](http://www.roadhouseandrose.com)

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## Deaths

**RASMUS, RICHARD DAVID**  
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Thomas and Sara. Dear sister of Debbie (Larry), Jimmy and predeceased by her brother Bobby. Cherished aunt to Nicky and her husband Dan, Mark (Lynn), Michelle, Julie, Adam, Aaron, Stephanie, Jenny and James. Friends may call on Saturday, January 21 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the R.S. Kane Funeral Home (6150 Yonge Street, at Goulding, south of Steeles). A Funeral Service will follow in the chapel at 4:00 p.m. Spring interment to take place in Haliburton at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Hill House Hospice. Condolences [www.rskane.ca](http://www.rskane.ca).

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Gorgeous custom designed 2 bedroom + loft home/cottage w/195' of frontage on Canning Lake. Well located on Haliburton County's 5 Lake Chain.

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**TORY HILL****\$144,000**

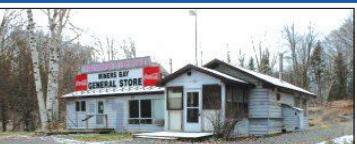
- Tory Hill Home on 1.13 acres
- 3 Bedrooms, New flooring
- Large Kitchen and Livingroom
- Full Basement with Drive-in Door For The Toys

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**LITTLE REDSTONE****\$849,900**

Enjoy a quiet evening by the Stone Fireplace in the spacious Great rm, or sit down by the lake under the stars, at the firepit by the water. Winterized Viceroy style cottage has 3000 sq.ft. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths & den, 154 ft sand frtge, SE Far from city lights & noise lies this peaceful oasis.

Call Kennisis Lake Team at 705-754-4242 or visit [www.cottagecountryhaliburton.com](http://www.cottagecountryhaliburton.com)

**COMMERCIAL-CLEAR LAKE ROAD****\$159,900**

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- Immediate possession. Call Bill for more details today.

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**BOSHKUNG LAKE****\$369,000**

Sand beach and a gentle sloping lot comes with this well maintained cottage - 950 sq. ft. - bright open living area with a w/o kitchen and w/o living room to lakeside deck - propane fireplace - 3 bedrooms - 3 pc. Bath - garage - gated access for privacy and security with neighbours - beautiful view

Call Ted Vasey at 705-457-1011 or visit [www.youronlineagents.com/tedvasey](http://www.youronlineagents.com/tedvasey)

**MADILL ROAD 5 ACRES****\$27,900**

- affordable building lot that is very close to Glamor Lake
- Septic already installed and dug well on property
- Circular drive, municipal maintained road & hydro at lot line

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**BEACH LAKE HOME OR COTTAGE**

NEW PRICE

**\$367,900**

- 25ft hard packed rippled sand waterfront
- 1200 sq ft bungalow with finished basement
- deck and dock at the lake
- screened in porch with pretty views

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**GRASS LAKE****\$234,900**

- 2100 sq. ft - 3 bedroom/1.5 bath/1 1/2 attached garage
- 1.04 acre lot with view of Grass Lake - gorgeous backyard
- walking distance to clinic, hospital, schools and Haliburton village
- vaulted ceiling in living room w/p.
- spacious kitchen and eating area
- 3 good sized bedrooms - master has ensuite

Call Deb at 705-457-1011 or visit [www.youronlineagents.com/deblambe](http://www.youronlineagents.com/deblambe)

**BENOIR LAKE ROAD HOME****\$159,900**

- Level lot • Newly renod'
- Motivated Seller
- Split level home

• 1,320 square feet + basement  
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**HARCOURT****\$124,900**

- Lot Size Irreg., Close to all Amenities
- 3 Bedrm / 1 Bath , Great Retirement Home
- 1200 sq ft of Living space
- Year Round Municipal Road

Call Team Forget at 705-448-2222 or visit [www.haliburtonhighlands-remax.com](http://www.haliburtonhighlands-remax.com)

**GREAT FAMILY HOME**

NEW PRICE

**\$187,500**

- 5 bedroom home • 2 - 4 piece bathrooms
- Large and bright living room
- Good size kitchen & dining room
- Above ground pool in the back yard

Call Geoff at 705-286-2911 ext 245 or visit [www.haliburtonwaterfront.com](http://www.haliburtonwaterfront.com)

**BAT LAKE PRIVACY**

NEW PRICE

**\$499,000**

- Great retirement property with mature landscaping
- 2 bedroom home with 2 heated sleeping cabins for the guests
- storage in a detached double garage
- Private lot on quiet lake.

Call Lynda Litwin at 705-457-8511 or visit [www.youronlineagents.com/lyndalitwin](http://www.youronlineagents.com/lyndalitwin)

**CARDIFF LAKE****\$179,000**

- 3.29 acre lot
- Crown Land nearby
- Hilly to gradual slope
- Over 600ft of shoreline

Call Linda and Troy at 705-455-7653 or visit [www.haliburtonrealestate.on.ca](http://www.haliburtonrealestate.on.ca)

**HIGHLAND STREET****\$258,500**

- 132' by irregular, .48 acres
- 3 + 1 bedrooms, 1/1 bath
- 1650 sq ft./2,300 sq ft
- Decks/Balcony/Hot Tub

Call Fred at 705-286-2911 or visit [www.fredchapple.com](http://www.fredchapple.com)

**PINE LAKE****\$279,900**

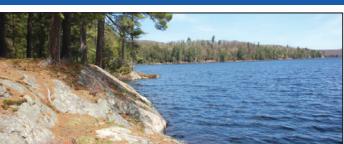
- Large 6.5 Acre Waterfront Property
- Over 500 Feet of Frontage on Pine Lake
- 2 Bedroom Home with Detached Storage Building
- Very Private Location close to West Guilford

Call Ken and Jacquie at 705-457-1011 or visit [www.kenbarry.com](http://www.kenbarry.com)

**DRAG LAKE****\$399,000**

194 feet of excellent sandy shoreline. Open big lake view of beautiful Drag Lake. Cozy 3 bedroom cottage with stone fireplace, large lakeview screened sunroom. Lakeside gazebo. Easy access off year round township road. 10 minutes to Town of Haliburton. Enjoy fishing, boating and swimming on this 2 lake chain.

Call John and Marj at 705-457-1011 or visit [www.johnparish.net](http://www.johnparish.net)

**GROWLER LAKE****\$429,000**

- Imagine owning 84.68 acres with 1,132' of water frontage
- Great for swimming and fishing
- Driveway already in
- Hydro and Telephone at the lot

Call Lisa at 705-457-0364 or visit [www.lisamercer.ca](http://www.lisamercer.ca)

**HALIBURTON VILLAGE****\$209,000**

- In-Town Family Home
- 3 Bedrooms
- Full Basement with Walkout
- Quiet Neighbourhood

Call Marilyn at 705-457-1011 or visit [www.haliburton-cottages.com](http://www.haliburton-cottages.com)

**DYNAMITE HOME ON THE DYN-O ROAD****\$165,900**

- Immaculate 3 bedroom home on almost an acre of land.
- Property is landscaped and manicured with a garden.
- Loads of wildlife in the area, only 15 min. from Bancroft and an hour from Peterborough.
- Has municipal water and ready for you to move right in.

Call Greg Metcalfe & Mary-Lou Milligan or visit [www.youronlineagents.com/gregandmarylou](http://www.youronlineagents.com/gregandmarylou)

**1015 BUSHWOLF LAKE RD****\$154,900**

- 3 Bdrm, Hardwood, Jacuzzi tub
- Walking distance to public access to Eagle Lake
- Close to Sir Sams Ski Resort
- Includes all Appliances

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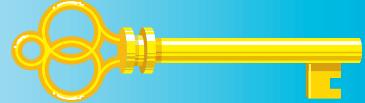
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## KENNISI LAKE

Beautiful cottage on West Shore. Custom built timber frame. Professionally landscaped. 3 ac/200' frtg. Quality fixtures, conveniences & details next to none. Every luxury for the Discriminating Buyer!

**\$2,500,000.**



## LOWER CARDIFF LAKE

Unique private property nearly encompassing pretty lake with 118 ac. Fantastic for family compound or hunting/fishing lodge. So much Character, beautiful waterfront, outbuildings, definite piece of heaven.

**\$1,150,000.**



## WHERE EVERY SEASON IS BEAUTIFUL

Sir Sam's area for winter enthusiasts. Walk to the ski hill! On pretty, pristine Glen Lake. Charming & warm, superb for family & friends with main building plus dbl dtl fully insul. garage & lovely pine finish 700sf loft for guests. Heated granite floors, sunny solarium and 3 fp's will keep you toasty.

**\$699,000.**



**NEW PRICE**

## FINISH TO SUIT

Buy now & pick many of your own finishings! 2+1 br, open concept, cathedral ceilings. Large deck, screened porch, full w/o bsmt. Guilford Lake, privacy & no motors!

**\$498,000.**



## COUNTRY ACREAGE & HOME

Located between Haliburton & Minden on 23 acres, trails throughout. Comfortable 3BR/2Bath on one level, spacious rooms, large oak kitchen, lots of bells & whistles plus 2 massive garage buildings.

**\$309,000.**



## FAMILY FARMHOUSE

78 ac with something for everyone. Near skiing & swimming. Forest & field. Greenhouse & Barn. Great for young or old!

**\$299,900.**



## WENONA LAKE

SPACIOUS 4 BEDROOM COTTAGE. 133 FT FRtg. 1150 SQ FT. CATHEDRAL CEILINGS, FLOOR TO CEILING WINDOWS & FIREPLACE. MANY RECENT UPGRADES. LOADS OF POTENTIAL

**\$279,999.**



## HOME PLUS INCOME!

3BR plus apartments. Good location. Paved drive. Easy highway access. Nice grounds

**Now \$279,000.**



## HOME ON 5 ACRES

Between Haliburton & Minden on nearly 5ac. 3BR, 24X24 garage, Recroom w/bar. Spacious.

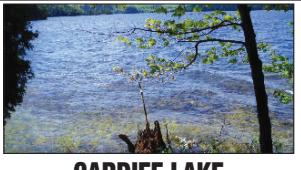
**\$239,900.**



## SUNNYSIDE STREET

In town, yet so private! 3+1 bedrm in immaculate condition. Spacious living on 3 levels, a great family home a convenient walk to village.

**\$229,500.**



## CARDIFF LAKE

3.29 ac. Gradual slope. Crown land nearby. 645' of clean sand/stone shoreline. Driveway in. Hydro/phone avail, easements.

**\$179,000.**



## JUST LISTED



**\$169,000**

Tucked away in town!  
3 Bdrm.  
Private, upgraded,  
modernized.  
See Pride of  
Ownership.



## MOUNTAIN STREET

Modernized 3 br village home. Private setting, gardens, Sauna, hot tub, deck, loft master bedrm & balcony. Check it out!

**\$169,000.**



## VIEW OF GULL LAKE

35.9 ac parcel. Stunning view. Access to Gull River. Close to Minden. Rolling acreage. Trails.

**\$89,900.**



## COMMERCIAL ZONING

Located in Gooderham village. Comm Lot with old bldg to rno. Great locale, sold as is.

**\$49,900.**



## EAGLE LAKE AREA

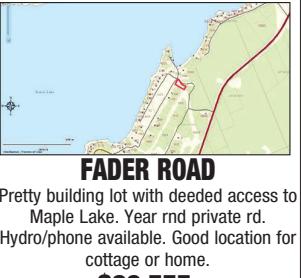
15 ac & 870ft rd frtg for privacy. Driveway in, site cleared, large pond.

**\$49,900.**



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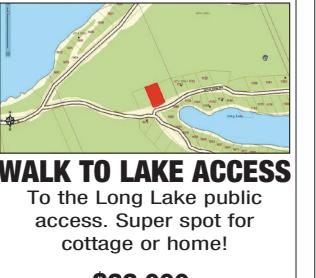
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## FADER ROAD

Pretty building lot with deeded access to Maple Lake. Year rnd private rd. Hydro/phone available. Good location for cottage or home.

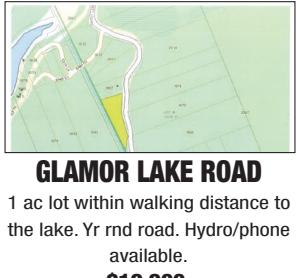
**\$23,777.**



## WALK TO LAKE ACCESS

To the Long Lake public access. Super spot for cottage or home!

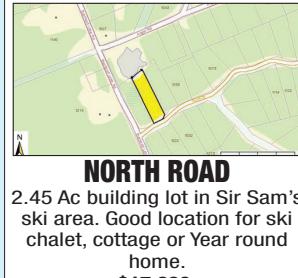
**\$22,000.**



## GLAMOR LAKE ROAD

1 ac lot within walking distance to the lake. Yr rnd road. Hydro/phone available.

**\$19,900.**



## NORTH ROAD

2.45 Ac building lot in Sir Sam's ski area. Good location for ski chalet, cottage or Year round home.

**\$17,900.**



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## ACREAGE TO BUILD OR PLAY

Haliburton Lake Road - 15 Acres - **\$49,900.**

Eagle Lake Road - 22.5 Acres - **\$38,900.**

Sandy Bay Road - 35.9 Acres - **\$89,900.**

Hwy 118 - 140 Acres - **\$179,000.**

HWY 118 - 9 Acres Commercial Zoning - **\$129,000.**

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